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POUNDING OF TOBRUK REACHING CRESCENDO

PHOENIX FROM THE ASHES

The British Government is deeply concerned to ensure that the free spirit of man shall merge from the ruins of war, declared Mr. Arthur Greenwood, Minister without portfolio, broadcasting yesterday.

"We must help to create the conditions under which nations will be able to work out their own salvation as they work in neighbourly relations with others and do not flout the law of nations.

"Opportunities for aggression must be restrained by the combined will and organisation of those nations which stand for orderly progress and against the tyrannical exercise of power.

"Britain after the war will not tolerate in her midst the tragic spectacle of abject poverty nor the scourge of unemployment.

"We shall look forward to developing our educational system and social services as we are planning to get rid of ugliness in our towns and to build a fairer Britain and to replace the hovels that remain with worthy homes."

MORE SPURS IN WAR DRIVE

By Reuter's Lobby Correspondent

New acceleration of Britain's war effort is expected shortly when, it is anticipated, the well-known expert, Sir William Beveridge, is appointed to take full time direction of the country's manpower problem.

Discussion on the new proposals to accelerate the war effort is intensifying in political circles, politicians having now had a week to consider them. Even now, it cannot be said that there is a general approval and criticism is still being voiced on the questions of manpower and production.

The new Minister of Supply, Mr. Ernest Bevin, intended as a temporary measure, is on manoeuvres with the Government and will have the opportunity of expressing views on the new proposals. The whole question of manpower and production is a matter of collective dealing and collective action. — Reuter.

ITALIAN DIVISION CUT OFF

An Italian force about a division strong is understood to be cut off and besieged in Giarabub Oasis, some 150 miles south of Tobruk, according to a report in Cairo.

The force was the one which it is believed General Graziani intended to use for an attack on Siwa Oasis on the Egyptian side of the frontier. — Reuter.

Thailand On Her Dignity

THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE FRENCH MINISTER TO THAILAND (SIAM) LAST MAY TO TAKE UP THE APPOINTMENT OF MINISTER TO VENEZUELA WAS GIVEN TO REUTER BY THE THAI CONSUL IN SINGAPORE AS THE REASON WHY THAILAND WAS NOT IN A POSITION TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE FRENCH.

The Consul said that Admiral Decoux had expressed willingness to undertake such negotiations but the Thai Government could not recognise the appointment of the Indo-China official who replaced M. Lepisserie.

Indo-China was not a sovereign power with which the Thai Government could negotiate. A way might be opened for negotiations if M. Lepisserie resumed his duties as French Minister. — Reuter.

NAZI OFFER TO FIRE DENIED

The High Commissioner of Egypt is authorized by his Government to state that there is no truth whatever in the report published in some quarters that President de Valera, within the last month, has been offered by the Nazi Government "every possible assistance to fire to prevent Britain from regaining control of the naval bases she formerly leased." — Reuter.

Significant Silence In Cairo

GENERAL WAVELL'S HEADQUARTERS IN CAIRO CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN WHAT IS PERHAPS A SIGNIFICANT SILENCE REGARDING THE SITUATION IN LIBYA, WHERE THE CAPTURE OF INVESTED TOBRUK IS THE IMMEDIATE TASK.

Last night's reports from the battle front indicated that more and more British heavy guns were being brought up and joining in the bombardment of the Italian defence posts.

The communiqué issued in Cairo, however, makes no mention of developments in Libya, merely saying that there is no change in the situation.

Turkish Flood Disaster

Many lives have been lost and much damage caused by disastrous floods in the Antioch region of Turkey, states Reuter's Ankara correspondent.

The River Asi has overflowed, following torrential rains, causing widespread destruction.

The floods swept away bridges, wrecked mills, destroyed roads, uprooted trees and inundated farm lands over a wide area.

Losses of livestock have been heavy and communications are completely disrupted. The inhabitants are being evacuated from a large zone. The rains, meantime, are continuing. — Reuter.

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SURPRISE ATTACKS BY GREEKS

A violent surprise attack by Greek troops has dislodged the Italians from strongly fortified positions in the central sector of the front, says the Athens radio.

Desperate hand-to-hand engagements are reported from the northern sector, where the Greeks made an advance after bayonet fighting.

Desperate attempts by the Italians to reinforce their positions in the coastal sector north of Chimarras have been nullified by the spirit of the Greek offensive. — Reuter.

U.S. "EXPOSE" SEQUEL

Verne Marshall, the Chairman of the "No Foreign War Committee," has announced that he has been served with a subpoena to appear before the Grand Jury of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia.

He added that he did not know the reason for the order.

Verne Marshall, who is a newspaper editor of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, in a statement he made a fortnight ago, alleged that President Roosevelt had a chance a year ago to halt the European War and still had a chance to serve as peace-maker if he grasped it.

He told a sensational story of official German peace terms being flown to the United States in September, 1939, by William Rhodes Davis, a New York oil operator.

He further alleged that these terms were suppressed by the State Department although they involved "just and honourable" terms for a peace conference to be held at the White House with President Roosevelt as mediator. — Reuter.

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Republican Party Splits Over Willkie Endorsement

ROOSEVELT SUCCESS IN CONGRESS

THE FIRST STEP in rushing the Lease-and-Lend Bill through Congress was taken yesterday when a vote in the House of Representatives cleared the way for the Bill to come before the Foreign Affairs Committee of the House.

An effort by the Military Affairs Committee to bring the measure under its control was defeated.

The vote was taken without debate as the rules of the House allow of no discussion on such an issue.

Mr. Cordell Hull, Secretary of State will be the first witness at to-day's hearing before the Foreign Affairs Committee.

Yesterday's vote is regarded as a victory for the Administration in the first brush with Congress over the Bill.

Republican Split

In the meantime, Mr. Wendell Willkie's support of the Bill, which has been heartily welcomed by the Administration and most Democrats, may determine his future position and influence in the Republican Party.

Certainly his statement has caused a split in the Party and it remains to be seen whether he can carry the majority with him or whether they will go over to the Landon-Hoover group.

Mr. Willkie gets considerable support from the Press.

The staunchly Republican newspaper "Baltimore Sun," comments that he has risen above partisanship in advocating the general principles of the Bill and asking for safeguards to ensure reversion to the people of the powers that the Bill delegates to the President. — Reuter.

LIFT BAN ON SILK STOCKINGS

A conference of all silk interests to discuss the Government ban on silk stockings and other silk hosiery has been called for at Leicester.

Manufacturers allege that the ban is unreasonable and illogical and huge stocks which cannot be delivered will be left on their hands.

These stocks, they say, have been built up in readiness for delivery on the date the ban comes into force.

Under the limitation of supplies order the quota for the year has been fixed for hosiery of all descriptions and practically all the stockings within the quota total have been delivered.

The stocks of stockings which have been "frozen" by the Government ban are stated to run into many millions of pairs.

Export Slump

There are also huge stocks of seamless silk hose, and manufacturers of this type of stocking hold large stocks of yarn.

Manufacturers have been told that they must divert stocks to export trade which, however, is negligible.

The conference will urge the Board of Trade to extend the time so all stocks can be cleared.

An official of the Board of Trade explained: "It applies to all sorts of pure silk wear, men's as well as women's garments." Underwear and ties are all included.

TOWN TO CUT BILLET SNOBS

Well-to-do people who refuse to billet homeless London women and children are to be shunned by residents at Dereham, Norfolk.

This was stated by Mr. C. H. Reeder, chief billeting officer at Dereham, where doors were locked against two hundred homeless Londoners.

"I shall use my compulsory powers, announced by Mr. MacDonald, to the full," Mr. Reeder said. "Everyone who has volunteered to have an evacuee is already giving shelter to some, and others are living in condemned houses.

Dereham townsfolk are planning a 'cutting campaign' for the shirkers, mostly monied people with large houses.

"We shall cut them in the street, walk out of shops if they enter, leave the meetings they attend, and in general let them see what we think of them." — Reuter.

PLEDGE OF BRITISH RESOURCES SOUGHT BY U.S.A.

SUPPORT APPEARS to be steadily growing for the suggestion that Britain should be requested to post the bulk of her remaining dollar holdings in the United States against materials to be supplied under the "Lease-and-Lend" plan.

CHILD ROAD VICTIMS UP

Recent investigation by the National "Safety First" Association shows that more very young children, especially those aged about three, are being killed in road accidents than before the war.

"This," it is stated, "may be partly due to mothers going into industry."

The policy of the Ministry of Labour in setting up creches for these children is a splendid move which will be a safeguard not only against road accidents, but many home accidents, of which young children are normally the victims."

The association is starting a new road safety campaign, its aim being to save twenty lives a day.

Few children, it is pointed out, are killed during black-out hours, but during daylight, despite reduced traffic, two or three are still being killed every day.

Town children evacuated to the country find that traffic is much less, but speeds are usually higher.

TIME LIMIT ON POWERS OF PRESIDENT

A suggestion of a possible attempt to impose a time limit on the powers given to President Roosevelt under the Aid For Britain Bill was made at a press conference by Mr. Sam Rayburn, Speaker of the House of Representatives, in Washington yesterday.

Mr. Rayburn said he would not oppose imposition of a time limit provided that that limit "ran concurrently with the emergency." — Reuter.

PRESSURE ON EIRE

"Millions of people of Irish descent in North America would acclaim every act of cooperation on the part of Eire in the war against the Axis," states a cable sent yesterday from the Irish Canadians in Canada to the De Valera Government, says Reuter's Ottawa correspondent.

The cable was signed by Mr. Manion, the former leader of the National Conservative Party on behalf of a group of prominent Irish Canadians in various parts of the Dominion. — Reuter.

CHILD ROAD VICTIMS UP

The influential "Washington Post" endorses the proposal but recalls Mr. Mellon's statement in the War Debts Debate that a good customer in Europe is worth more in dollars and cents than all the war debts lumped together and asks, "Are we going to intensify the impoverishment of Europe which might then be our outstanding problem, as well as theirs?"

The journal also draws attention to the possibility of using the Lease-and-Lend Bill and any provision in it for posting collateral in order to cushion shocks to the United States and the world generally in the period of post-war readjustment.

The newspaper suggests the use of part of Britain's overseas assets to buy the foodstuffs and materials necessary to put post-war Europe back on its feet. — Reuter.

While many roads have no footpaths.

At the suggestion of the Government, the association is preparing safety-training methods suitable for secondary and public schools, so that the new generation of cyclists and drivers may at least be "road safety minded" before they take to the roads. — Reuter.

BELGIAN REPAIRS ORDERED BY NAZI HIGH COMMAND

IN PREPARATION for the coming attempt to invade Britain, thousands of workers have been drafted by the German High Command to repair the waterways and bridges destroyed during the invasion of Belgium, according to news received in London by the Free Belgian News Service.

It will be recalled that a statement issued a few days ago disclosed that over 6,000 miles of roadways had been destroyed and hundreds of bridges during the blitzkrieg, and that many villages were completely cut off from outside contact by rupture of communications.

The Germans are now aiming first at the re-establishment of navigation between Ghent and Bruges and the port of Antwerp. Men have been working day and night to repair the canals.

Some 750 bridges were destroyed during the fighting last May and hundreds of ships were sunk in the waterways.

A system of "voluntary" labour service on the Nazi model has been started in Belgium and a special camp is due to be opened this week for the instruction of leaders to take charge of the labour camps.

Despite the propaganda drive carried on for months, however, the number of "volunteers" for the labour service is very small. — Reuter.

M.P. WANTS SOVIET AID

Russian aid in the evacuation of British children and old people, and neutral cooperation for urgent humanitarian purposes, is being proposed by an M. P.

The Prime Minister is to be asked by Mr. R. W. Sorensen (Soc. Leyton West) to invite the U.S.S.R. Government to become officially associated with our own Government in arranging for the evacuation of British children, invalids and old people to places of safety overseas.

In addition, Mr. Sorensen would like the Premier to consider obtaining the cooperation of Russia and other neutral governments for urgent humanitarian purposes.

The suggestion is also to be made by Mr. Sorensen that Mr. Churchill should consider approaching the U.S., Soviet, and other neutral Powers with a view to discovering "any joint action that can be taken immediately respecting agreed and genuine humanitarian service to European peoples."

DAYLIGHT RAIDING BY R.A.F.

RECENT EXTENSION OF THE ROYAL AIR FORCE OFFENSIVE TO REGULAR DAYLIGHT AS WELL AS NIGHT BOMBARDMENTS LEADS ADDITIONAL INTEREST TO NEWS THAT FOUR DIFFERENT KINDS OF UNITED STATES BOMBERS FOR THE R.A.F. ARE BEING FLOWN ACROSS THE ATLANTIC.

A large number of certain types have arrived and a continuous stream is to be maintained in the future.

The four types are the Lockheed Hudson long-range reconnaissance bomber for the Coastal Command; the Boeing B-17 four-engine bomber, popularly called the Flying Fortress, the Consolidated two-engine flyingboat; and the Lockheed Vega, twin-engine bomber. — Reuter.

LIFE POSER FOR LORDS

Seven law lords sat in the House of Lords trying to decide how much life is worth and how much more of it one can expect to see at any given age.

They were hearing an appeal concerning an award of £1,200 damages in respect of the death of a boy of two and a half years. Mr. Justice Asquith's judgment, making this award, had been upheld in the Court of Appeal by a two to one majority.

The damages had been awarded to Mr. Wallace A. Gamblin, of Rowancottages, Charlton, Han's, against Mr. Henry Frederick Bennett, of Brokenford Lane, Toton, Southampton, in whose car the boy was a passenger.

Mr. N. L. C. Macaskie, K. C., for the motorist, said the first question raised by the appeal was on what principle the Courts should award damages for loss of expectation of life.

He said the Judge was informed that the normal expectation of life of a child at birth was fifty-eight years; a child of ten had an expectation of life of fifty-five years.

Mr. Macaskie mentioned a case in which Mr. Justice Acton included, in the amount of £4,000 awarded, to a man of seventy, a considerable sum for the shortening of his life.

Mr. Macaskie said that Lord Justice Mackinnon, in the Court of Appeal in the present case, said the legislature had imposed upon Judges the most impossible task that had ever been put upon them. The hearing was adjourned.

BIRCH FOR BANK ROBBERS

Two men were ordered at Dorset Assizes to receive twenty-five strokes of the birch each for taking part in a bank robbery.

One of the men — Frederick James Ralph, aged forty, clerk — was also sentenced to four years' penal servitude, and the other — James Kyle, aged forty-one, cook — to three years.

Mr. J. L. Pratt, prosecuting, said the men hired a car and robbed a Bournemouth bank of £184 10s. during the lunch hour.

They were challenged by a bank clerk, Mr. Foster, and Kyle struck him with a glove in which a piece of lead wrapped in fur was hidden.

Prison sentence: Mr. Justice Wrottesley said the men tried to get away. Such get-aways were almost always attended by danger to innocent human lives.

What was worse about the crime was that the men had a deadly weapon hidden in a glove.

HITLER'S REBUFF IN BALKANS

Plain Speaking By Bulgaria And Soviet Russia

Situation Clarified

(By Reuter's Diplomatic Correspondent)

TWO IMPORTANT OFFICIAL PRONONCMENTS, ONE RUSSIAN AND THE OTHER BULGARIAN, DURING THE PAST 24 HOURS, HAVE HELPED TO CLARIFY THE IMMEDIATE OUTLOOK IN THE BALKANS.

They dispose of the Nazi-inspired rumours that Germany and Soviet Russia have made a "deal" in connection with the Balkans and of the report that Russia had agreed to the passage of German troops through Bulgaria.

COOK, 92, ALL LIFE WITH ONE FAMILY

More than seventy-five years ago Eliza Lemon joined a Victorian family as their cook.

Maybe she dreamed of a romantic marriage with some gentleman's gentleman—or perhaps she saw herself rising in her profession until she was in charge of a busy staff in the kitchen of a duke or earl.

Dreams Grew Dim

But somehow, her dreams grew dim and no handsome young man came to take her away from her saucepans and dishes.

She died a few days ago when she was ninety-two after a fall in her bathroom in Queen's Gate Place, Kensington, still in the service of the family she had joined as a girl.

"DON'T MIX" TO CHILDREN

Because of an outbreak of infantile paralysis, parents in South Bucks villages have been warned not to let their children attend cinemas or mix with each other.

Schools in the villages of Hedingham and Farnham Common have been closed, as well as Sunday schools and clubs.

A Ministry of Health order closing the schools asks parents to notify the authorities if their children contract colds, tonsillitis or influenza.

Five cases have been reported from the two villages since early in September. One has proved fatal and two are still serious.

Dr. Bradley, the principal regional medical officer to the Ministry, is conducting an investigation.

PADRE PRISONER OF WAR

The Rev. R. D. F. Wild, Royal Army Chaplain's Department, who was among four officers previously reported missing, is now a prisoner, according to War Office Casualty List No. 67 containing the names of 23 officers and 305 other ranks.

All the officers named are prisoners. They include 18 captured and one previously reported missing, believed killed.

Among the other ranks: 213 are prisoners. They comprise 180 captured and 33 previously reported missing.

A private, once reported missing, is now not missing. Those killed numbered 10, and 33 have been wounded.

REVOLT IN ABYSSINIA

"I will tear down the figure of the wolf put up by the Italians in Addis Ababa and replace it with the white marble statue of the Lion of Judah," said Haile Selassie, ex-Emperor of Abyssinia, in an interview in Khartoum yesterday.

Deciding his determination to restore his throne, he said that the revolt of the Abyssinian patriots is making great headway.

The day is not far distant, he said, when he would cross the border into Abyssinia and lead the army of Ethiopian patriots against the Italian invaders.

Military authorities in London say that Italian difficulties in Abyssinia may be responsible for their withdrawal from Buna, on the Kenya border.

They may have thought it wise to shorten their lines of communication because of the increased activity of the Abyssinians. — Reuter.

HIS CAR WORKS FOR SPITFIRE FUND

Money to buy Spitfires has come from all parts of the country, and funds received by the Minister of Aircraft Production have been raised in various ways.

A method has been devised by a motorist who for the past few months has given lifts to and from London to a south-eastern suburb.

He has a collecting box in his car, and passengers who save their fares by gaining a lift are asked to contribute towards the Spitfire fund.

One week this motorist collected 25s. in pennies and two pence. One passenger—a superintendent at a telephone exchange—normally pays fourpence for her journey to work, but when going by private car she gives sixpence to the fund.

NEW PUNCH FOR BRITAIN'S 1941 AIR OFFENSIVE

(By Reuter's Air Correspondent)
BRITAIN'S 1941 AIR offensive, already begun, is to be given fresh punch by at least four new types of American bombers.

The Boeing Bomber, powerfully armed, is said to be able to carry four tons of bombs and its range is such that it is estimated it could cross the Atlantic with a full load of petrol and bombs.

It will join the even bigger and more powerful British Short Sering in dealing with every part of Germany's 1941 "knock out" planes.

The twin-engined flying boat will boost up the strength of the R.A.F. Coast Command, where it needs it most, namely in the joint protection of Atlantic convoys. The Lockheed Hudson Vega Ventura is said to be large and faster than the Lockheed Hudson.

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A.F.S. FUND TO HELP EACH OTHER

A scheme for a mutual benefit fund from which payments would be made in case of illness, accident or death, whether caused by enemy action or not is planned by the 1,200 members of Wolverhampton A.F.S.

It is proposed to make immediate advances on loans of money, or its equivalent, if damage is done to property, furniture or clothing, pending the settlement of any legal claim, and to augment a settlement in cases of hardship.

Assistance would be given in the following cases: illness, accident, or death of a member, of a member's husband, wife or child.

The social club of the A.F.S. has promised £100 to form a nucleus of the fund. Members are being asked to subscribe one shilling a month, and it is expected the fund will reach a minimum figure of £1,000.

The fund is independent of any Government scheme, and it is suggested that it can be extended with advantage to all civil defence workers.

7,000 MINERS MAY BE THROWN IDLE

Notices expire involving 7,000 West Wales miners likely to be rendered idle as the result of the loss of Continental markets and the closing of the Canadian Hudson River.

Mr. D. R. Grenfell, M.P., Minister of Mines, at Swansea had a further long conference with representatives of the employers and

ITALIAN PLIGHT IN ALBANIA

Documents seized by the Greeks show that even by the end of November last the Italians knew that the situation might become very grave in the near future.

Among these documents is a report from the commander of the Central Alpine Division to his General Officer in Command. He asks that his men be relieved, because they have lost 50 per cent of their effectiveness.

"We are no longer able to stand up to front-line fighting," he says.

"My men are practically barefoot and ill-clad and they find it hard to stand the severe weather and cold."

"His General replies on November 27th."

"As soon as possible, we will move your unit to the rear, but just now this is impossible."

"You must hold on firmly in order to avoid creating a situation which might become grave."

— Reuter.

workmen when the report of the sub-committee was submitted.

The proceedings were private and at the close it was officially stated that the problem had been fully discussed and that there is to be further meetings at the Mines Department in London.

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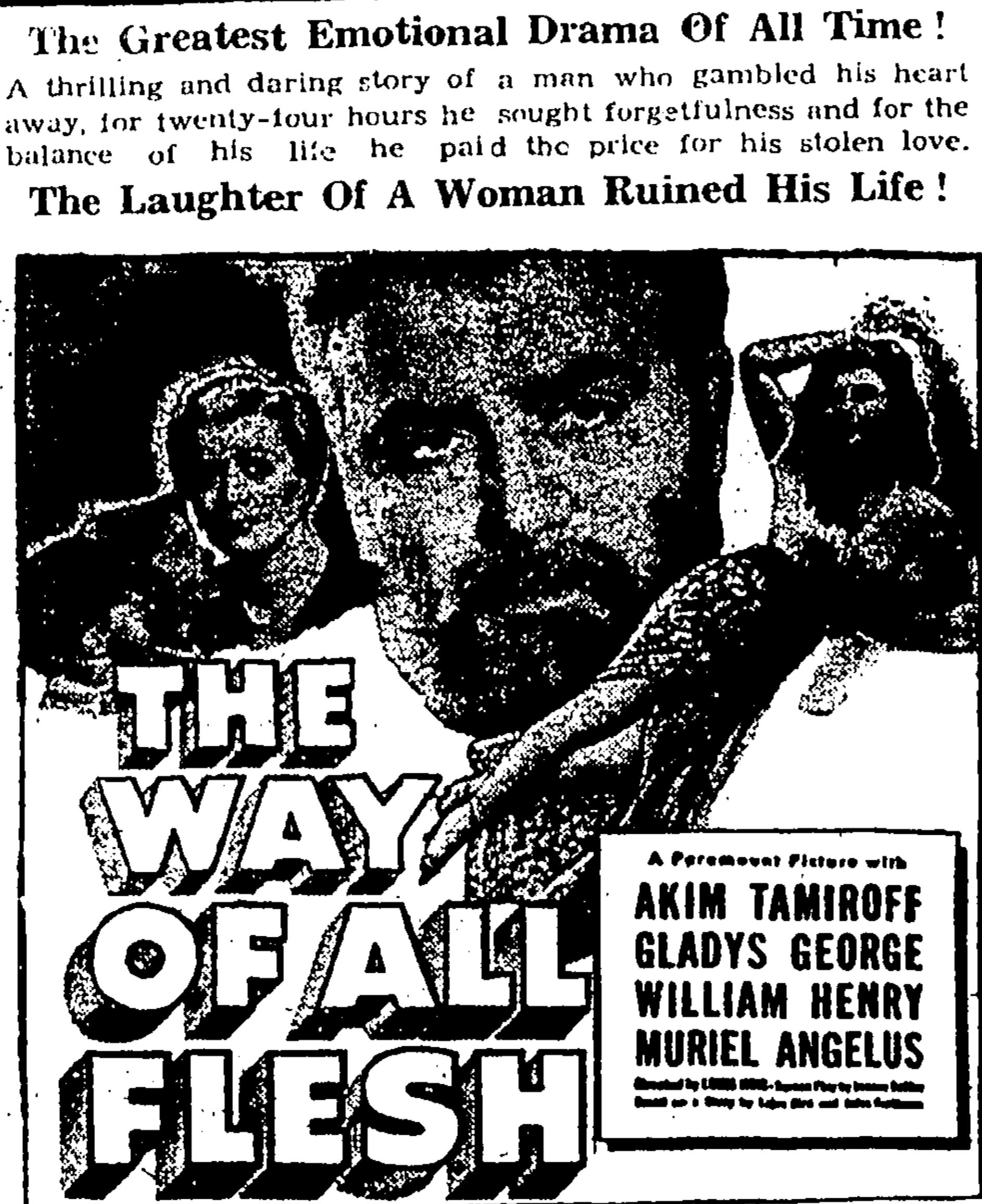
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ITALIAN COMMANDER IN ALBANIA GOES INTO RETIREMENT

THERE IS LIVELY comment abroad on the news that yet another Italian general has resigned, and that a fourth Italian officer is now going to try his luck against the Greeks.

General Soddu has been Commander-in-Chief in Albania for about two months and the official version is that he has been relieved of his duties at his own request owing to ill-health.

General Cavallero, who has been Chief of the Staff since Marshal Badoglio resigned a month ago, is to retain this post and at the same time assume the command in Albania.

General Soddu has had little military experience, although he was Vice-Chief under Marshal Graziani from June to November last year.

His two months in Albania have been one long series of defeats. At no point have the forces under his command made a stand against the Greeks, and he has been outmanoeuvred on every hand by the strategy of General Metaxas and General Papagos.

Cavallero, on the other hand, is an experienced man and was Chief of Operations during the last war. He was made Under-Secretary for War when Mussolini came into power and he was called on to fill Marshal Badoglio's place when the latter "vacated office" in December last.

Long Series

Soddu's resignation is yet another in a long series. On December 11, Marshal Badoglio resigned, reportedly because he was disgusted at the way Mussolini entered the war without adequate preparations and against the wishes of most Italians.

A day later, the general in command of the Dodecanese Islands followed suit, and he was joined by the naval leaders, including the Chief of Naval Staff, his Deputy and the Commander-in-Chief of the Italian Fleet.

The fact that Mussolini has had to call on his Chief of Staff is a sign of the extreme shortage of military leaders willing to conduct Mussolini's war.

In addition to those who have resigned, two have met their death and almost a dozen have been taken prisoner. At the same time, the Italian military situation goes from bad to worse.

Greek Offensive

When General Cavallero reaches Albania he will find a Greek offensive in full swing in the central sector, with Tepelini in a bad way.

The Greeks are still making gains beyond Klissoura and one correspondent calls it "the biggest Greek offensive of the war."

The Italians are losing prisoners by the hour, while Greek artillery is keeping up an intensive fire. The eight inches of snow which fell recently turned into six inches of mud over the week-end and more snow is now falling.

The Greek advance is not great in distance, but London circles say that it is a very important one. They have got behind Klissoura and well over onto the road to Berat, so that Italian lateral lines of communication are now 30 miles further north.

Tepelini is in an awkward position, but not entirely lost and part of a new Italian Division has been sent there. General Cavallero will have to provide better leadership than Soddu, however, if the Italians are to retain the town.

1,500 Hostages

Among his "war trophies" General Cavallero will find 1,500 hostages. An Albanian message

LOCKED THE DOORS ON EVACUEES

Mothers with tiny children evacuated from West Ham and Islington arrived at Dereham, Norfolk, to find the townspeople there had locked their doors against them.

As a result, twenty-four babies with their mothers — a total of thirty-eight — had to be taken to a public assistance institution for shelter.

Dereham cottagers are demanding a full inquiry alleging that the owners of big houses with plenty of accommodation have failed to do their bit.

Only 40 Taken

The chief billeting officer at Dereham, Mr. C. H. Reeder, sent circular letters to people who refused to offer shelter to the London evacuees, telling them that he had decided to use his compulsory billeting powers, and that each of them must offer hospitality to one mother and her children.

It was stated that houses to which these notices had been sent had been found locked when the mothers and children were taken there.

Out of a total of 200 evacuees sent to Dereham, townspeople offered voluntarily to accommodate only forty families.

An inquiry is likely to be held.

FREE MILK JUST START

The cheap milk scheme is the beginning of a national nutrition policy, Miss Mary Sutherland, in charge of the women's section of the Socialist Party, told a women's meeting at Sheffield.

It was the first scheme set up on a Socialist basis, being available to everyone irrespective of income.

Miss Sutherland said that it was important that canteen menus in factories should be attractive to boys and girls as well as to them doing heavy work. Mothers had said that their girls took sandwiches because they could not face up to the canteen meals, which were often stodgy.

BOMB MISSES FIVE MEN BY TEN FEET

By diving flat on the ground five men had a split-second escape from injury when a heavy bomb dropped just 10ft. from the lorry alongside which they were working.

At the time the men were clearing away debris caused by previous raids in a town in the Home Counties.

They were A. Hewitt, E. V. Wickham, C. Johns, W. Baldock and C. Heffer.

Wickham said: "We heard the droning of a plane and then a whisking second. Looking up we saw a big bomb coming straight for us.

"Somebody shouted but I had already ducked. I don't know how we managed to get down in time, but we did. The ground seemed to lift us in the air, and I swear I came down in a different place."

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GREAT BATTLE OVER BRITAIN

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THE AERIAL BATTLE of Britain is being fought at heights varying from 16,000 to 30,000 feet. It is at the lower of these great heights that German bombing is being carried on. It is at the higher level that British Hurricanes, Spitfires and Defiants meet the raiders, radioed Robert P. Post to the New York "Times" from London recently.

Not many people in London stop to think that when they go unconcernedly about their business during daylight hours they are enabled to do so because somewhere—perhaps on the outskirts, perhaps over London itself, more likely somewhere on the aerial road to the city—the younger generation of this "decadent" country is keeping a rendezvous with death four miles above the green fields, bare wood clumps and slow, lovely rivers of Britain.

But that is what it amounts to. Almost every time the sirens warning is heard in daytime and is succeeded in a short time by the long, high-pitched all-clear, one or more squadrons have written another chapter in the breathless tale of how British fighters are defending their homeland. At the end of the day there may be only seven, eight, nine or ten Germans down. There may be an almost equal loss of British planes. But a German formation has been broken up and kept away. And during that day Britain has functioned normally, the wheels of her factories whirred and spun making her war supplies and the export supplies whereby Britain must finance the war; her people have gone confidently about their business; life has functioned as usual.

And all this because somewhere four miles up in the sky a few youths, regardless of death, regardless of risks, have been hurling themselves at German squadrons outnumbering them five, ten, fifteen or twenty to one. And against that onslaught, made by highly trained pilots in fighter planes, which have proved to be the best in the world to-day, the German assault, at least by daylight, has failed.

Germans who have always been contemptuous of bombing except by day now do all their most important bombing by night. Ever since September 15, when the British clawed down 185 German planes between dawn and dark—and, remember, there must have been many more German planes which will never fly again as a result of that day—the Germans have changed their tactics. They do not use big forces of bombers in daylight any more. Instead, their daylight forces are almost entirely made up of Messerschmidt fighter-bombers which carry one or two light bombs under their wings and also have enough speed and fighting ability to meet British fighters on something like usual terms.

"Shot Down Like Chickens"

Conclusive proof that the German offensive has not yet succeeded in wearing down the British defence can be seen from another fact. It was first the bomber, and that failed; it was then bombers escorted by fighters, and that failed; it was then the fighter-bombers, coming on more equal terms to wear out British planes and pilots. Then some time ago the Germans weakened in their attack. They threw in Italians, both bombers and fighters, and British squadrons shot them down like chickens, one squadron of British planes rolling up a mixed bag of eight Italians and Germans in five minutes without a loss to themselves. Pilots of the old slow-moving Italian planes, partly built of wood, can testify that attacks of the most modern German planes have not managed to soften up the British defence.

How have the British done it? How are they doing it? They have done it with Hurricanes and Spitfire planes, which have proved that the eight-gun fighter with its tremendous concentration of fire can saw off the tail of an enemy machine in the air if they catch it in the cone of fire from four guns in each wing. While the Germans experimented with can-

Gave Enemy A Burst

They stood it well, according to the young airman's report, climbing for a cloud cover at 20,000 feet, but the British finally broke them up. The Canadian gave one enemy a burst and saw him go straight up in a loop. It was a new manoeuvre for a bomber, so the Canadian followed him round. At the bottom of the loop the Italian dived with the Canadian after him. Then one of the Italian crew baled out and a second later the Italian bomber came apart in the air. Apparently what happened was that the first burst killed the Italian pilot, who fell back in his seat and yanked the stick back with him.

That was not the end of this pilot's adventures. He climbed into a dog-fight between British planes and Italian biplane fighters. He picked one and went into a long dogfight, both planes doing tight turns, climbing turns and half rolls in an attempt to get the mastery. One British burst seemed to hit the Italian, who spun but a moment later came out and the whole business started again.

Two more bursts delivered while twisting and turning miles above the earth emptied the Canadian's magazine. He could not break off the fight, because he was afraid that if he left the Italian's tail he would find the Italian on his own.

Bumped Without Ammunition

So 30 yards behind the Italian and a few feet above him he went straight for the Italian's top plane, pulling out just before he was about to crash. There was a bump and the Canadian departed.

But on two occasions on the way home he saw Hurricanes fighting Fials and did two dummy head-on attacks—remember, without ammunition. In each case the Italians ran. When the pilot landed six inches were gone from one propeller blade, with nine from another.

Another story comes from a wing commander who was teaching two Polish pilots when he sighted an enemy raider. The Poles closed first—they usually do—but it fell to the wing commander—that is not usually a flying job—to give the coup de grace in a few bursts.

The King recently decorated the first fighter pilot to get the Victoria Cross. He is J. B. Nicholson. His plane was on fire and he was just about to bale out when he sighted a Messerschmidt. He went for it and shot it down. Then he took to his parachute.

Probably it did not take more than a minute or two to win that award. It doesn't fighting four miles up.

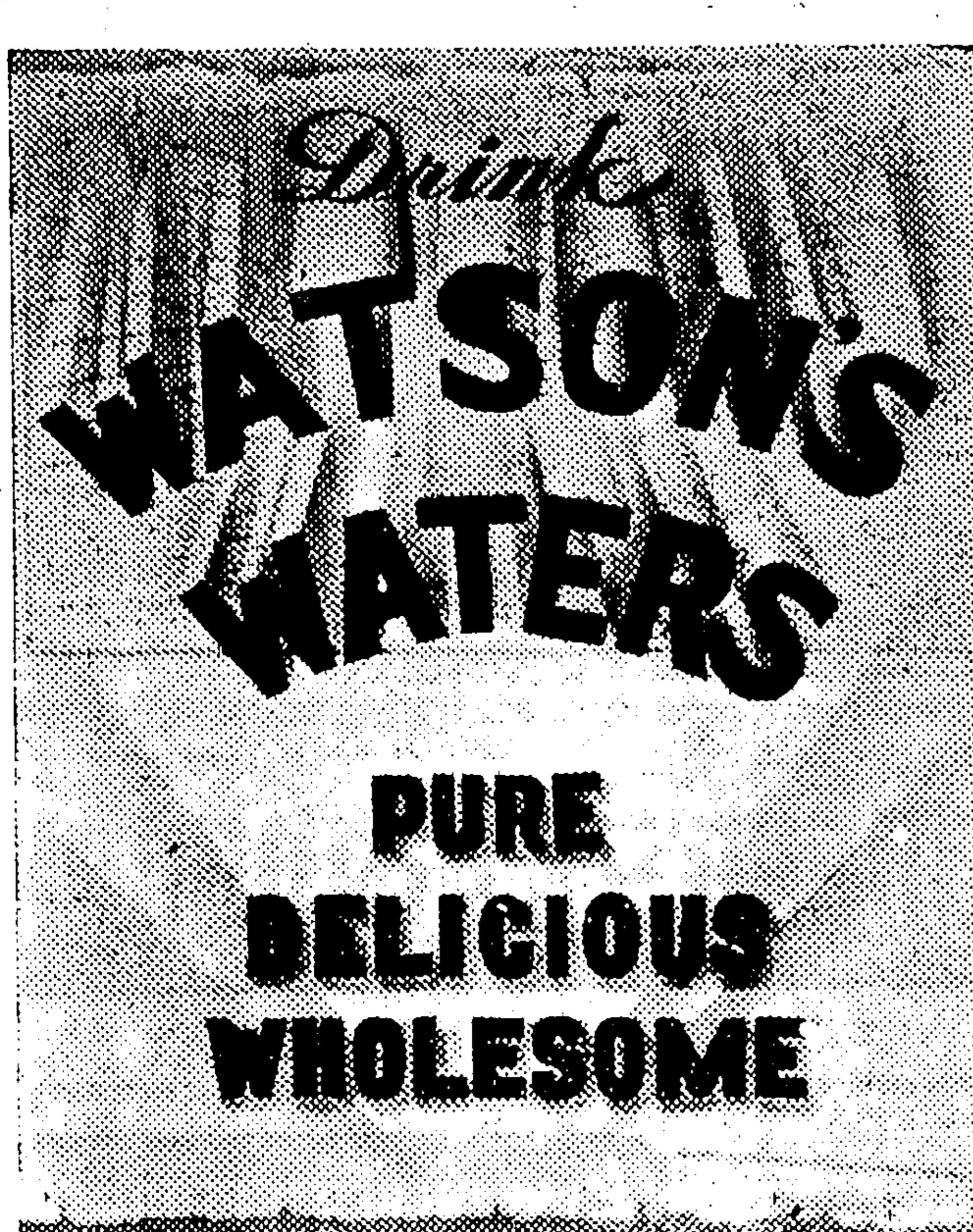
To fight four miles up means you must clamp your oxygen mask over your face at about 15,000 feet. Then you climb and climb in the hope you can get above the German raiders. Then you spot them. Down, down you come in a screaming dive at the German's tail. It is only a matter of seconds, but in those seconds your nose, your mouth, even your ears may start bleeding. Plenty of British pilots have found on landing that their helmets or oxygen masks were clotted with blood.

Or on patrol you may suddenly find your instrument board splintering under German bullets. You may find that in a dogfight you have been concentrating on one German plane while another has attained a commanding position above you. Then you may have to jump.

Going Out Upside Down

Air Ministry communiques sometimes talk of "a number of our pilots are safe." What does that mean? It means that somewhere, miles above these green fields, a boy of 20 has heard planes roar behind him, has felt a sickening lurch as the enormous power under his control has gone berserk four miles above land.

It is difficult to get out of a Hurricane in such circumstances. It is impossible to get out of a Spitfire. What you have to do then is to roll your plane on its back, fly it upside down. Then you can get your protective cover back, which is the last thing an Italian

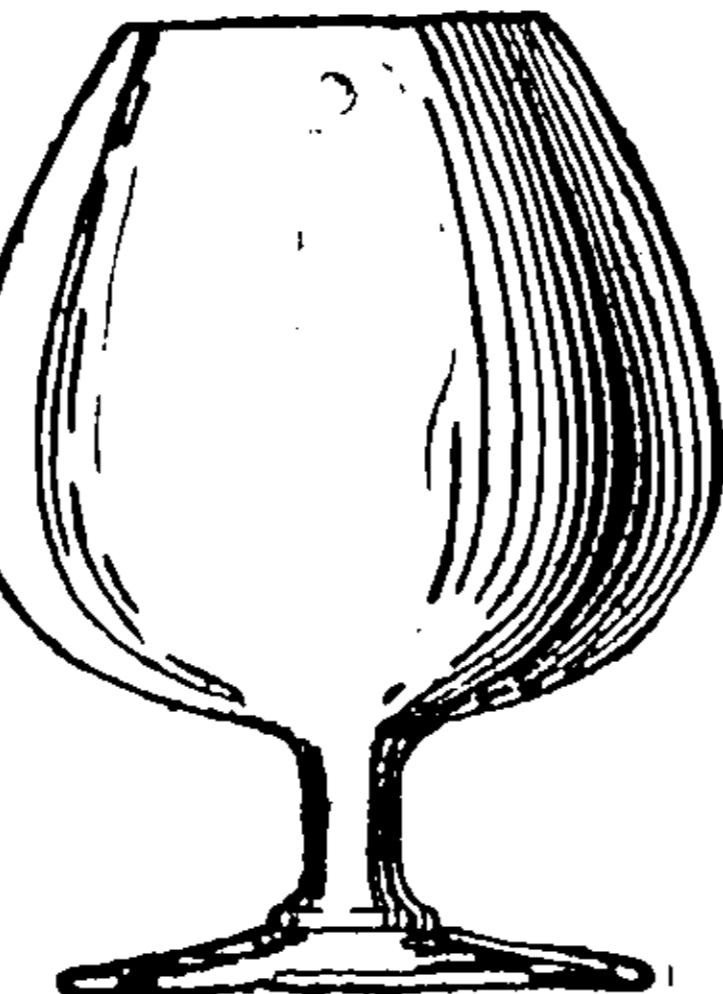


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FAMINE OF FACTS

On this question of feeding people in Nazi-controlled countries there seems to be at least as great a shortage of facts as of food.

No one can be untouched by the possibility of famine. But some Americans are charging that agitation which puts pressure on Britain to raise the blockade is the Nazis' best weapon for dividing America and weakening the effort to save democracy. Others declare food is the best propaganda for freedom and that those who oppose the Hoover project are un-Christian monsters. There is a surplus of emotion, a famine of facts.

Here, for instance, are some things that are not known:

1. Whether German—and British—statements that there is food enough are accurate. This appears to depend on whether the Nazis will distribute the total supply, which is believed to be sufficient for the winter. They are known to have shipped large quantities of meats and fats out of occupied countries. There is food in the Balkans—if distributed.

2. Whether the German Army, which is willing to have people in the occupied countries fed, can overrule the Nazi party policy which is said to count on weakening resistance and teaching the hungry that Britain is to blame. In other words, is the prime requisite—a German guarantee—obtainable?

3. Whether the peoples themselves are asking for food. Many of their relatives oppose food shipments and their refugee governments appear to be actively backing the blockade. In the last few days spokesmen for Free France and for the Czechs have opposed the sending of food.

4. Whether feeding peoples under German domination will help them to stand up for freedom or will only save the Nazis the necessity of feeding workers they have drafted into their war machine. There appear to be wide theoretical differences of

How Brave Are You?

A GREAT deal of nonsense is talked about bravery by people who know little or nothing about psychology and the workings of the human mind. The civilian usually judges bravery by medals and decorations, and these are not necessarily an accurate guide.

I know a genial scallywag who, one night during the last war, absorbed most of the company's rum ration and then wandered off alone into no-man's-land. His subsequent exploits earned him the V.C., but his pals had to explain to him what all the fuss was about before he discovered he was a hero!

Every soldier in the last war knew that after a successful show, which was probably a walk over, bagsful of decorations were allotted to each battalion and were often shared out indiscriminately. Whereas prodigies of heroism might be performed in a show that was a failure without any one receiving so much as a measly Military Medal. No, medals are not the standard by which the soldier judges bravery.

It's a queer thing, this question of courage. The man who exposes himself recklessly in the front line is not brave, but a plain fool, who is not only throwing his own life away, but is drawing the fire

which may cause needless casualties amongst his comrades.

The country doesn't pay a soldier to get killed, but to stay alive and kill enemies. Yet the man who is the essence of caution and always keeps his head below the parapet will certainly not be thought much of.

You see, the soldier is first and foremost a practical man. His comment on any given action is: "What's the use of it?" Reck-

By Humphrey Hume

lessness can sometimes be essential. It may save a man's life, or gain invaluable information, or save precious time.

The difference usually is that the reckless fool performs his antics with a self-conscious swagger, while the brave man does them as though they were the normal and obvious thing to do.

Bravery isn't a matter of what you feel like inside. The man who says he never feels afraid is either a liar or insane. Fear is an enormously powerful emotion implanted in us by Nature for the purpose of preserving our lives. The only thing that will stimulate

the adrenal glands to abnormal activity is fear.

Under its influence they greatly increase the secretion of their marvellous fluid, which acts on the body as a supercharger acts on a car. It speeds up mind, nerves and muscles, and enables us to perform feats of strength, agility and quick thinking that are normally far beyond our capacity.

Whether you are a hero or a coward depends on how you use the powers conferred upon you by this rush of adrenalin into the blood stream. If you use them to remove yourself as rapidly as possible to a place of safety you may be showing either reasonable caution or abject cowardice, depending on circumstances. The really brave man will always try to use the stimulus of fear in order to do the best he can for the cause he serves.

It is clear, then, that true bravery demands something more than indifference to personal danger. It needs expert knowledge. The more one knows, the better one can decide what is best to do in any given situation. The man who has mastered a job is unlikely to feel panic if called upon to do it in dangerous circumstances.

Suppose, for instance, a man has to carry a message across a stretch of land that is being

pounded by shells and swept by machine-guns. It is not brave to make a blind dash for it. This would mean that panic had clouded his judgment, and he would almost certainly be knocked out.

The brave man would volunteer for the job, knowing he had a good chance of doing it successfully.

By noting the intervals between shell salvos, by observing exposed pieces of ground and avoiding them, by knowing the approximate position of enemy machine-guns and keeping as clear as possible of their field of fire, by using the speed and energy given to him by the increase of adrenalin in his blood to make swift dashes at favourable moments from one bit of shelter to another, he would probably get through.

A large proportion of what we call bravery is just plain determination. If every man in a battalion is determined to capture a given objective, that position will usually be carried. It was found again and again in the last war that supposedly impregnable positions could be captured by determined troops, whereas far more vulnerable places were successfully held against men who lacked this spirit.

Determination need not involve the element of risk. That is why generals are dubious about battalions which have a large number of men falling out on route marches. They know that if men have insufficient perseverance to carry them through a twenty-mile tramp in spite of fatigue, they will not be likely to force their way forward until they get within bayonet thrust of the enemy.

Then again, there is the question of ruthlessness. I doubt whether a really brave man could be consistently soft-hearted and unselfish. It is not merely a matter of being able to ignore the danger of personal mutilation or death. In war one becomes curiously indifferent to such things. It requires far more bravery to order men one likes to do a job that will mean almost certain death, while one stops behind in comparative safety.

A pilot who would go joyously into an aerial scrap against impossible odds would go almost crazy when, promoted to a senior position, he could only wait helplessly at the aerodrome and issue orders to others to do the dirty work.

Perhaps the most important attribute of bravery is self-control.

Staying in a spot because you have been ordered to stop there.

Looking cheerful and confident when you wish you were a thousand miles away.

Keeping your limbs steady when your knees want to do a tap dance.

Not that the outward signs of fear would matter much if you were alone. They are mostly simple physical reactions which would be almost exactly duplicated if a doctor gave you an injection of adrenalin, and have little to do with the way you personally would behave.

But because fear can so easily develop into panic, and panic is communicated mainly by instinctive mimicry, it is vitally important to avoid giving way to open symptoms of fear.

That is why an officer will, in a desperate emergency, shoot a man who tries to bolt. Not that the fellow would not be a good ride if he were allowed to run till he dropped. It is the example of fear that is dangerous, and unless it were instantly checked it would be copied first by one man and then by another until all were on the run.

Those, then, are the ingredients of bravery—knowledge, determination, ruthlessness, and self-control. Ruthlessness is the only one that may be distasteful, and it can often be dispensed with, as it is only essential to those who aspire to leadership. All the others are perfectly capable of being cultivated by any intelligent person.

So if any one asks how brave you are, you can confidently reply that you can train yourself to be as brave as may be necessary.

Goals For 'New Order'

With the British Government statement on war aims and peace aims expected shortly, individual Cabinet Ministers appear to have been preparing the way for an official pronouncement with more precise definition of their own versions of the new order to come after the war in which the ideal of social security for all the people has been the keynote.

Undoubtedly Reichsfuehrer Hitler's latest appeal to the working people that his new order will end the privileged position of the plutocrats in the democracies has helped to prompt replies from responsible democratic quarters. But actually the British Cabinet had already started to modify its stand against a statement on war aims before Herr Hitler spoke.

The Cabinet is understood already to have given some time to a discussion of the aims issue and it is significant that the three Labour members of the Inner War Cabinet, Mr. Herbert Morrison, Mr. Ernest Bevin, and Mr. Arthur

opinion on this point, even in Berlin. What is needed is more information on the actual effect. Experience with some of the present or proposed small-scale efforts to feed outlying areas such as Spain or Finland, or with the work of the Friends' Service Committee and the project for Red Cross distribution of evaporated milk to children in unoccupied France might alter the present position of the British and American Governments. Or more knowledge may confirm that position.

By Peter Lyne

Greenwood have felt themselves free to give more than a hint of the kind of new world they seek

Approach To Specifications

Their speeches have contrasted with the more cautious generalities of previous government spokesmen whose remarks were regulated by the view that the Government has hitherto adhered to that the first and almost the only aim worthy of full attention in the present state of the struggle is to achieve victory and remove Nazism, the obstacle to any just and happy order for Europe and the world.

It is emphasised in well-informed circles that while the forthcoming Government declaration on aims can be expected to go some way beyond previous official statements, it is even so unlikely to extend further than an outline of the broad principles upon which will be based Britain's policy for the rest of the war and afterward.

Individual Ministers are understood to have submitted memoranda on the subject and account is being taken of the views of representatives of the Dominions and the foreign governments now functioning in Britain.

Economic Tasks Faced

All three Labour Ministers dwell on the heavy social and economic tasks which will have to be faced after the war and insisted therefore on the absolute necessity of holding out the goal of social security to all those people now straining under the immense burden of war.

Bluntly, Mr. Morrison at Dorchester Hotel told the gathering of mostly well-to-do people, including a large number of businessmen, that Britain will have to plan its postwar economic life on a more cooperative and less anarchic basis than at present.

He urged that the sacrifices of wartime now being made willing-

ly by the rich must be continued in peace. One lunch guest was heard to groan, "That means no return to the normal income tax."

But another guest, Lord Nuffield, was heard to say afterward to the chairman of the lunch, Lord Nathan, "I agree with every word of Morrison's speech—and I am a millionaire."

Mr. Bevin, speaking the day before, had said that poverty and unemployment must in the future be regarded as a "social disease like illiteracy."

Poverty And Idleness Banned

Mr. Greenwood looked forward to building after war "a broader freedom and new opportunities for advance."

There is undoubtedly a still strong controversy over the question of a statement of war aims and peace aims, but clearly the Government is now more inclined to recognise that, even if a precise plan for the future cannot possibly be evolved yet, there are many good reasons for making a more definite pronouncement than hitherto that Britain is fighting not just for democracy, which it is admitted was full of shortcomings, but rather for democratic progress—progress in which shortcomings, notably in economic and social inequalities, will be remedied or at all events the sincerest efforts will be made to remedy them.

Great Contrasts To Go

Further evidence of how responsible quarters in Britain recognise that there will be no return to the spacious easy days of old, with their contrast of "great wealth and dire poverty," is seen in the concluding sentences of the radio address to the United States by Mr. Ronald Cross, Minister of Shipping:

"We seek no conquest, we seek no gain," he said. "Our war is a war of sacrifice; we shall end it poorer in wealth, mourning our dead, looking back on misery and suffering, but these are the right sacrifices, for our goal is to establish for ourselves and others the natural human right to live as free men."



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HOSTILITY OF SUDANESE TO ITALIANS

(From A Special Correspondent)

THINGS ARE NOT going so well for the Italians in Kassala, the only Sudanese centre of any importance in their hands, where they have been sitting since its capture at the beginning of July. The inhabitants, despite attempts to placate them, remain obstinately loyal to Britain.

The chief reason which must make the Italians wish they had never taken the place is the food situation. Before the war Kassala, which subsisted mainly on trading, imported 750 tons of grain a month from elsewhere in the Sudan. After the capture the Italians hoped the local Sudanese would smuggle grain in through the British lines, but the utmost they have got is a few donkey loads.

They are now forced to import grain into Kassala themselves in large quantities from Eritrea to save the inhabitants from starving; and Italian East Africa itself before the war was importing 1,000 tons of grain a month from Sudan and wanted much more.

The Italians, in an endeavour to turn against Britain the people living in the Kassala area, proclaimed that no taxes would be payable for two years.

This had not the slightest effect, for when our tax collectors appeared and declared that this was not so, the inhabitants replied: "Of course not; naturally we want to pay our taxes" — a supreme and practical test of their loyalty.

Insult On Label

One piece of tactlessness with which the Italians outraged Kassalan feelings was the putting on sale in the town's cafes of beer from a Udina brewery whose label represents two coloured boxers raising tankards.

The boxers' negro features are grossly caricatured, and Kassalans, who, being Moslems, do not drink, felt resentfully that the label showed what the conquerors think of them.

One of Kassala's most sacred places is the mosque, with its ruined dome, in the holy village of Khartoum at the foot of Jebel Kassala. The dome was smashed 60 years ago in a religious war and was deliberately left in ruins by the Kassalans as a memorial.

As soon as the Italians entered they bitterly offended the inhabitants by grandiloquently announcing the rebuilding of the dome "left unrepairs by British negligence." They made things even worse when the R. A. F. raids started by using the edifice as a refuge for their troops.

Commander Replaced

The present commander of the Italian garrison, a tough soldier, sits in the front door contemptuously spitting while raiders are overhead. Not many troops share his imperturbability. During the August raids the then commander urgently cabled to Addis Ababa saying he could not undertake to hold the town if the raids continued. He was replaced, while the Italian Civil Governor broke down.

The invaders completely failed to get money accepted and were forced to withdraw the order by which Sudanese currency was unacceptable after the end of the year.

The lira, officially fixed as equaling the piastre on occupation, now only fetches half a piastre.

With the end of the rains the Italians will be lucky if they can avoid disease in the garrison. There is absolutely no sanitary provision for their native troops.

Only two or 100 or more wells in the town are covered over and piped. The remainder which are not deep, will soon, through the dust storms for which the town is noted, be filled with every kind of impurity.

OFFICIAL BRIBERY ALLEGED

Allegations of bribery and corruption against a Ministry of Labour official is the subject of a special investigation by senior detectives of Scotland Yard.

Many statements have been taken in various parts of London, and it is understood the result of their inquiries has been submitted in a detailed report to the Director of Public Prosecutions.

RESEARCH AIDS WAR

"Science has advanced more in one year of war than in a decade of peace," declared Cambridge professor of physics, W. L. Bragg, in a broadcast address.

"Scientists are solving war-time problems at an incredible rate," he said.

"The best German technicians were conscripted for war work many years ago, but Britain's scientists were quite unorganized at the outbreak of war.

"Now, the country's 10,000 researchers are all registered, including 160 chemists, 100 physicists, 500 mathematicians, 700 zoologists, and 1,500 medical researchers.

"Scientists are improving electrical devices, particularly radio, and discovering how to put out of action time fuses and booby traps.

"They are analysing the secret of captured enemy instruments, working on airwar problems, and seeking an alternative motive power for transport."

U.S. NAVY'S FAST 'PLANE

THE UNITED STATES NAVY HAS DEVELOPED A 400 M.P.H. FIGHTER 'PLANE — THE FASTEST IN THE WORLD — WITH A RADIAL AIR-COOLED ENGINE, STATES THE "NEW YORK HERALD-TRIBUNE."

This has confounded experts of the Army Air Corps, who had pinned their faith to streamlined liquid-cooled engines similar to the Spitfires adds the "Herald-Tribune."

The authorities, it states, are now worried over whether they should continue with the production of the present models, and thus get an Air Force possibly unable to compete with those in Europe, or switch to the Navy models.



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A MILLIONAIRE'S COTTAGE DEATH: "END AS BEGAN"

BORN 81 YEARS AGO in a cottage, Lord Vestey, millionaire meat and shipping king, wanted to die in a cottage — and did so.

With his wife, he rented a small cottage in Buckinghamshire, in which he died after a heart attack.

"I don't want a big house," Lord Vestey, whose vast interests extended to Australia, told the estate agent. "I was born in a little house, and I want to die in a little house. All I want is a small room where I can be happy and comfortable."

He was a sprightly little man, and seemed always to wear the same unostentatious dark suit.

He had a white beard, which he kept carefully trimmed.

Just before leaving the local hotel where he stayed before taking the cottage, the licensee told him he was short of eggs.

Lord Vestey recommended a brand of egg mixture which the licensee agreed to try.

"Take £5 worth; it's my own mixture," said the magnate.

Later, he said: "That's the first deal I have done in 11 years. Certainly I buy and sell shares, and might make a few thousand pounds — or lose it — but this is different, because I have sold £5 worth of my own stuff."

Brilliant Brothers

Lord Vestey and his brother, Sir Edmund Vestey, who is also a meat and shipping magnate, were the sons of a Liverpool provision merchant who sent them to America to try their luck.

He paid their fares, then left them to rely on their own brains and energy.

Edmund went to Chicago and Lord Vestey to Buenos Aires, where he found thousands of pheasants for sale but no local demand.

This started him in the refrigeration business. He had the birds frozen and shipped them to Liverpool, where he built cold stores.

This was the beginning of the great Union Cold Storage Company.

The brothers, who formed one of the keenest working partnerships Britain has ever known, held joint interests worth more than £6,000,000.

Lord Vestey's widow was formerly a clerk in the Chicago branch of the Vestey Company, and once temporarily replaced Lord Vestey's private secretary.

Later she took charge of the branch, then married Lord Vestey.

400 DIE: KRUPPS BOMBED

An R.A.F. bomb on Krupps armament factory at Essen penetrated a shelter under the works killing 400 employees and injuring 1800.

This is reported by a British United Press correspondent on the German frontier.

He also states that a recent bomb broke a watermain in Berlin and simultaneously blocked an air raid shelter.

This became flooded, drowning 700 people.

"I am assured," says the correspondent, "that these reports are authentic."

"They certainly are widely believed in Germany, where the facts regarding R.A.F. raids are spreading slowly throughout the population.

"This enlightenment is taking place despite speedy repairs which hide much of the bomb damage, and the absence of casualty lists."

TYPHOID IN WEST GERMANY

Reports of a severe typhoid epidemic in Western Germany are confirmed by an official letter from a hospital director received by the New York relatives of a woman who died in Saxony.

The letter, states the New York "Daily Post," explained that the body had to be burned because the hospital had innumerable typhoid cases. The paper adds that the censor passed the letter presumably because it was official.

STRANGE DISEASE IN OSAKA

The source of the strange illness which has already taken the lives of five residents of Osaka has been traced to poison gas, according to an announcement made by the health and sanitation officials of the Osaka Prefectural Office, says the "Japan Times and Advertiser."

The mysterious illness, which has caused worry to many a physician, first made its appearance during the first week of December. Since then several health officials, in collaboration with the authorities of the Osaka Imperial University hospital, have tracked down the source to the 260 tons of iron alloy stored in the warehouse of the Kimura Trading Company.

However, the real cause still remained uncertain, although all medical minds agreed that it was due to some sort of poison gas — possibly cyanic fumes.

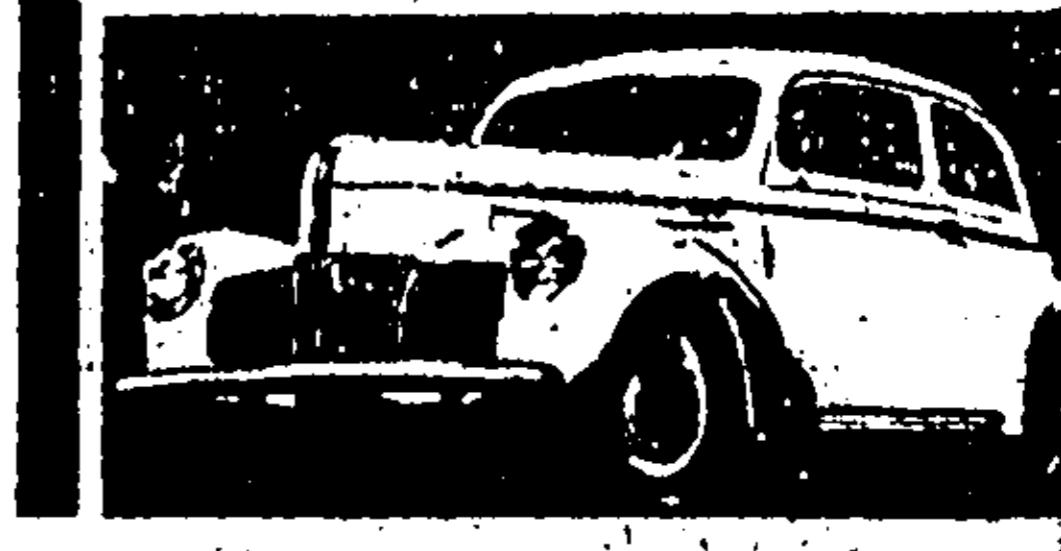
The Osaka prefectural officials have solved the puzzle by claiming that the cause of the illness is a gas which is produced when a phosphorous compound comes in contact with and is dissolved either by water or acid in a damp place.

It still remains to be seen whether the pile of iron alloy is itself responsible for the disease, that is whether it is the source of the lethal gas or not. — Hayes.

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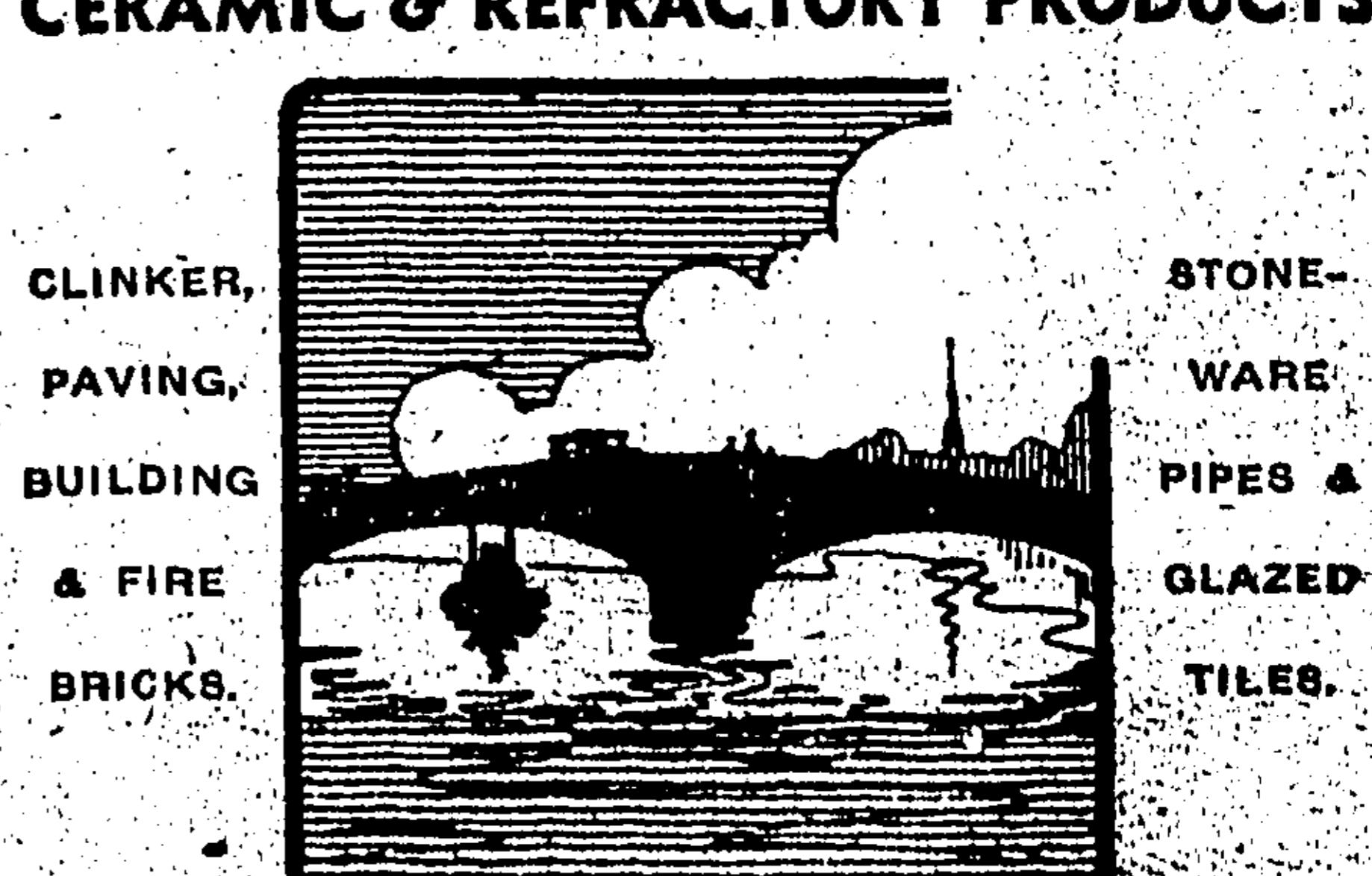
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BRIDGE NOTES

Entry Trouble
By The Four Aces

In the remarkable hand shown to-day, entry trouble caused South's defeat:

South, Dealer
Neither side vulnerable

♦ 6	♦ K 6	♦ A 6 5 2	♦ Q 10 8 7 4 3
♥ K 5	♦ A 6 5 2	♦ Q 10 8 7 4 3	♦ K 6 2
♦ 5 4 2	♦ A 6 5 2	♦ Q 10 8 7 4 3	♦ K 6 2
♦ 10 9 8 7	♦ A 6 5 2	♦ Q 10 8 7 4 3	♦ K 6 2
♦ 9 6	♦ A 6 5 2	♦ Q 10 8 7 4 3	♦ K 6 2

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♦	Pass	2♦	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	Pass
Pass	Pass		

West opened the ten of diamonds, South winning with the Jack. Declarer cashed the Ace of clubs and next led the Jack. When West dropped the nine, Dummy's Queen was played, and East won with the club King. East returned his diamond, and now South found unexpected trouble.

If he won this trick in his own hand and tried to establish a spade trick, West would win with the spade Ace and lead a third diamond. If South won that trick, too, he would never get to dummy to cash the good clubs; and if he won it in dummy, he would never get to his own hand to cash the established spade.

There seemed to be a better chance to make the hand if he won the second round of diamonds in the dummy, so he overtook the diamond Queen with dummy's diamond Ace and ran dummy's good clubs. When the last club was led, South had to reduce to five cards! the King and Queen of spades, the King of diamonds, and the Jack-ten of hearts. Unfortunately, however, East had saved four hearts and a spade; while West had kept two diamonds, two spades, and a heart.

ANSWER: Bid one no-trump. You have more than enough for this response, but not enough strength to bid either minor suit. Score 100% for one no-trump, 30% for two clubs or two diamonds.



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Dieting Dot says if it weren't for split seams she'd cast aside all dietary rules to the wind until after the holidays.

After the last club, dummy led a spade, and West took the spade Ace and returned a heart. And that heart lead allowed East to take the rest of the tricks!

* * *

Yesterday you were Merwin Mauer's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♦ J 7	♦ Q 8 6	♦ K 10 8 6	♦ K 10 8 7
♦ A 6 5 2	♦ Q 8 6	♦ K 10 8 6	♦ K 10 8 7

The bidding:

Mauer	Schenken	Yon	Jacoby
1♦	Pass	(?)	

Mauer Schenken Yon Jacoby

1♦ Pass (?)

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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Question No. 613

To-day you hold the same hand, and the bidding continues:

1♦	Pass	INT	Pass
2♦	Pass	(?)	

1♦ Pass (?)

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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Question No. 613

To-day you hold the same hand, and the bidding continues:

1♦	Pass	INT	Pass
2♦	Pass	(?)	

1♦ Pass (?)

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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GIRL SHOT BY JEALOUS SOLDIER

—Crown Charge

A soldier's jealousy was claimed by the Crown to have led to the alleged shooting by him of his sweetheart when he was charged with murder.

Driver Edward George Beesley, twenty-nine, of the R.A.S.C., whose home is a Charles Street, Oxford, was accused at Oxford Assizes of the murder of his sweetheart, Irene Sherry, a twenty-year-old domestic servant.

The girl was found shot at her lodgings in Oxford on the night of September 16. Beesley, who appeared in dock in battle dress, pleaded not guilty.

Mr. H. H. Maddocks, for the Crown, said there was no doubt that Beesley was desperately fond of Sherry. There was no doubt, either, that he shot the girl through the heart with a rifle at close range.

The motive for the crime was undoubtedly jealousy.

Mrs. Payne, the girl's landlady, described how Beesley came to her home with a rifle and, on being told that the girl was not at home, returned later and was allowed to sit in the girl's room.

Mrs. Payne said she heard Sherry go upstairs. Then came a noise like something falling out of the window. The front door was slammed, and on witness going to Sherry's room, she found her dead in a chair.

"May Best Man Win"

Police-Constable Swann said that in the girl's room was a handbag, and among the contents was a fitter. In a wallet were six letters.

Mr. Maddock said the letters showed that Corporal James Fuller was in love with Miss Sherry.

An extract was read from a letter in which Corporal Fuller wrote:

"I feel sorry for the chap who's breaking his heart over you. Still, it breaks my heart when I cannot meet you at all. Let's hope the best man wins, I think you and I were made for each other."

The clerk read letters written by Beesley to the girl. One extract was: "If it is my bad fortune to have to love you, then my whole future is blank."

Driver Cripps, of the R.A.S.C., said he was at Dunkirk with Beesley. If no letters came from Miss Sherry Beesley often told his heart out.

Beesley and Miss Sherry were going to be married and witness was to be best man, but the wedding did not take place as Miss Sherry refused.



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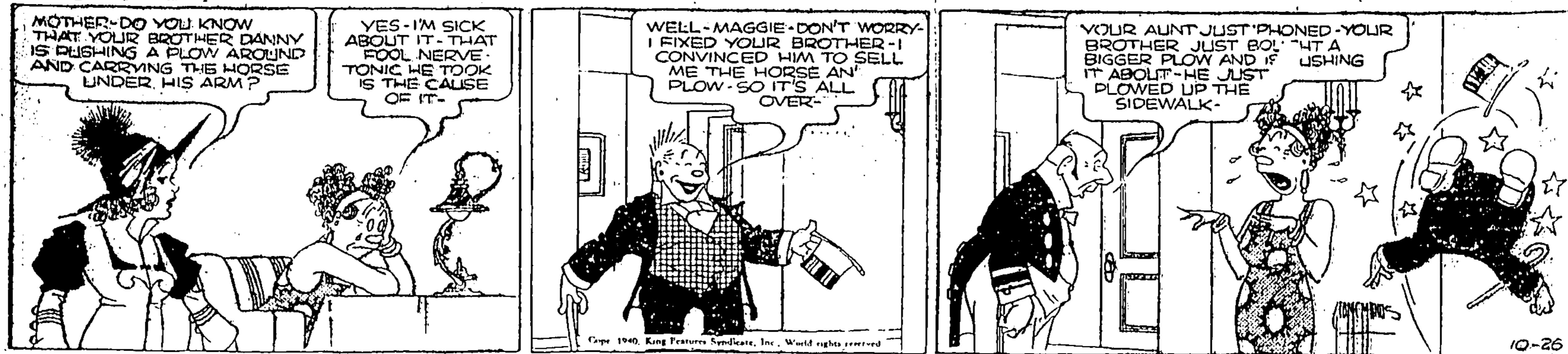
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Bringing Up Father



By George MacManus

A PAGE FOR WOMEN

There's nothing like SOUP to make you feel cozy inside

says Dorothy Greig

Of all the pleasant foods in the world, there are few that give such comforting glow as hot savory soup. It makes you feel "all cozy inside," as a friend of mine expresses it. And this is true whether you eat a thick, hearty soup or a



Chicken and Cream of Mushroom Soup wins compliments for any hostess.

thin elegant one, a fancy soup or a plain one, a soup that is almost a stew or one that is smooth as cream. Any soup makes you feel good.

There is such variety to be had in soups these days that it is fun to experiment and try different flavors. For instance, we all enjoy such well known favorites as tomato, chicken, vegetable and cream of mushroom but have you ever tried mock turtle, pepper pot or ox-tail?

Then there is the new idea of combining one soup with another—which opens up a whole new range of delicious flavors. For instance, here is one you will like. It is not a heavy soup, nor yet a thin soup, just a happy in-between medium that goes with any type of meal:

Chicken and Cream of Mushroom Soup

1 can condensed chicken soup
1 can condensed cream of mushroom soup
1 can water

Empty the cream of mushroom soup into a saucepan and stir it well. Then add the chicken soup.

a little at a time, stirring constantly. This keeps the soup mixture smooth. Fill an empty soup can with cold water and stir this into the soup mixture slowly. Heat to the boiling point and serve. Serves 4-6.

Sometime when you want to serve soup as the main course in a meal, for lunch maybe or for supper, try this deeply satisfying soup:

Cream of Mushroom and Pea Soup
1 can condensed cream of mushroom soup
1 can condensed pea soup
1 can milk (using soup can for measure)
1 can water

Combine the soups. Then add water and milk and heat, but do not boil. Serves 5-7.

And now here is a gay soup that combines two famous favorites:

Cream of Tomato and Chicken Soup
1 can condensed chicken soup
1/2 can condensed tomato soup
1 can milk (using soup can for measure)

Combine the soups. Add the milk and heat, but do not boil. Serves 4-6.

Surprise Meat Pie
—and watch it keep 'em passing back for more!

by Dorothy Greig

GUESTS usually look politely baffled when this pie arrives on the table as the meat course. You see, the pie is not a deep dish affair filled with chunks of meat. It is a flat two-crust pie, like an apple pie. When cut into smoking hot



and fresh from the oven, each wedge shows brown and crumbly and glistening.

The secret of its flatness is ground meat. This is cannily seasoned with onion and condensed tomato soup, and topped by a crust rich, short and flaky as you can make it.

Cauliflower, broccoli, carrots or peas are suggested as suitable vegetables to serve with it.

The pie is put together this way:

4 tablespoons minced onion
1 pound ground beef
1 can condensed tomato soup
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon pepper
1 tablespoon butter
Pie pastry for two-crust pie

Cook the onions in a little butter until soft. Add the ground beef and cook until barely brown. Blend in the soup. Sprinkle with the salt and pepper and mix. Line a nine inch pie plate with short pastry, rolled $\frac{1}{8}$ inch thick. Moisten the edges of the crust with cold water. Fill the pie shell with the meat mixture. Cover with the top crust, prick top, brush with melted butter, and bake in a 375° oven for 1 hour, or bake in a hot oven (450°) for 15 minutes and then decrease heat to 350° , and bake 15 minutes longer.

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But you can make things easier for him and for yourself if you'll see that the mouth is kept in apple-pie order.

"Now" is the operative word of this advice, because we can't afford not to be "on top" in physical condition this winter. And nothing undermines the health and looks more quickly than unhealthy teeth.

Sallowness, rheumatism, headaches, neuritis, biliousness, and appendicitis are some of the disorders which have been traced to teeth trouble. People with

to begin with, it's a good plan to check up on your brushwork. Make sure that it really is keeping your teeth clean.

First, use a downward movement from gums to chewing surface, then across teeth and gums from side to side. Also brush the

tongue. A medium stiff brush is best—and after use it should be disinfected with a solution which helps to preserve both it and the teeth.

Then, thoroughly wash with a bacteria-destroying wash. Then, wrap cottonwool along the lower jaw, be-

tween cheeks and gums. This is to absorb the saliva.

Now take an orange-stick; wrap a piece of cottonwool round it and saturate it with a tonic, antiseptic and stimulating lotion. Swab the gums well with it.

Wait for a few seconds, then remove pads of cottonwool, and repeat the treatment with fresh pads on the upper jaw. If the gums are not in very good condition this should be done every other day. Twice a month is enough if they are healthy.

Crisp toast, apples and celery—all foods which exercise teeth and gums should be added to the diet. Apples are particularly important because they neutralise mouth acids as well as giving the teeth a clean and polish.

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By Justine Glass



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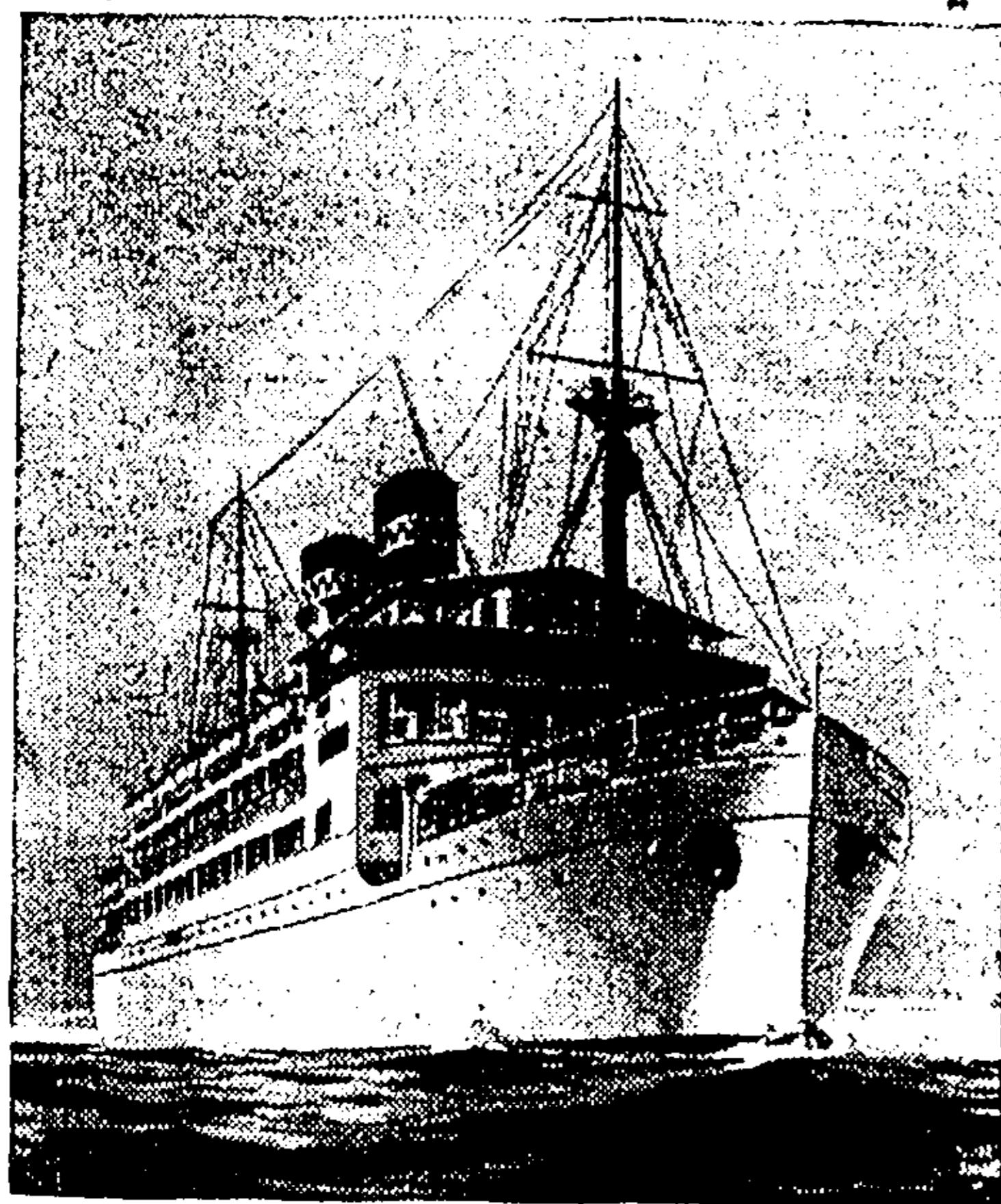
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2.15 p.m.—Close down.

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HOCKEY**LADIES' LEAGUE MOOTED****At Least Seven Teams In Existence****Annual Meeting To Be Held In Near Future**

By "Adrem"

Ladies' hockey thus far this season has been conducted on a very casual basis. There has been a certain amount of keenness, and in some cases the standard has been quite good, but there have been too many instances of teams arriving late or depleted.

In comparison with pre-evacuation seasons, matches have been few and far between, although a certain amount of investigation has revealed that there are still a great number of players in the Colony and that no fewer than seven teams are in more or less active operation.

While there is no gainsaying the fact that friendly hockey is enjoyable and has much to commend it to the lackadaisical player, the enthusiast cannot possibly derive very much pleasure from matches which lack of hard and fast rules tend to make slapdash. Consequently any movement to revive competitive hockey among women is, in my opinion, worthy of every support.

As the Caer Clark Cup and Brawn Cup Competitions have carried on for some seasons past with undoubted success, it would appear that League hockey is generally favoured by hockey players of the fair sex and so chief problem would seem to be the practicability of running such a competition.

Situation Reviewed

Let us then review the situation. I have already mentioned that there are seven teams in existence. In some cases, of course, although the names of the clubs are still the same, the composition of the elevens would have little in common with those that did service last year. It is a fact, however, that teams which have hitherto been considered "junior" have, as a general whole, suffered less from evacuation than the erstwhile senior teams, and this fact simplifies rather than complicates matters as it has resulted in a distribution of strength which would make a "one Division" competition not only possible but desirable.

If this then is agreed upon why not run a single competition as against the two competitions hitherto, and, if trophies are desirable, compete for the Caer Clark Cup and leave the Brawn Cup for the runners-up?

The seven teams that I know to be in existence—there may be

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ARMY SPOTLIGHT

By "SQUADDY"

IT is interesting to note that Army Selection Committee have chosen some of their junior footballers to represent them in the forthcoming Cup matches to be played at the Chinese New Year holidays.

In the Army half-back line Cpl. Birrell of Royal Engineers is given a chance to show his worth at right half.

He has been showing good form of late in assisting his team to maintain a comfortable lead at the head of Second Division.

He has plenty of speed and weight to carry him through, and it will be recalled that he played Rugby for the Army two seasons ago when his strong kicking enabled them to win through on many occasions.

Sgt. Owens of 20th Hvy Bty, R.A., who has recently come into the limelight on the right wing is well worth his place, and should be able to work well with Fox in the centre who knows his play, and positioning.

Fox of Royal Engineers is an old hand in the Army Team and should be able to lead his team to victory. He has plenty of dash and spirit, and with the aid of Hossack of Royal Scots at inside right should be able to get a few goals.

The left wing combination is made up of S/Sgt. Duffield of Ordnance and Cpl. Weir of Service Corps. Both these players have been playing well during the last month or so, and Duffield was one of the mainstays of the Ordnance team when they defeated the strong South China in the Second Division two weeks ago.

The remaining players of the team are all well-known local footballers and need no introduction. They are L/Cpl. Bankier, (Royal Scots) Sgt. Fraser, (Royal Scots) Pte. Naysmith, (Royal Scots) L/Cpl. Bright, (Middlesex) Sgt. Freshwater, (Middlesex) and Pte. Hossack (Royal Scots).

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I noticed an article suggesting that the following should represent the Army in the LAI WAH CUP football match against the Chinese.

Jackson, Fraser, and Sheehan; Freshwater, Bright, and Wilkinson; Coomer, Hossack, Fox, Saw, and Duffield. (Cap.)

Reserves:—Moxham, Guy, Birrell, Owens, and Pearson.

There are five alterations from the team selected by the Army Selection Committee, Jackson, Sheehan, Wilkinson, Coomer, and Saw.

Jackson is a good goalkeeper and is worth a trial, but recently he has been on the injured list and therefore could not be considered for this position. L/Cpl. Bankier, who has been picked for this position, has proved his worth in the past by keeping goal well for Royal Scots.

Sheehan, who has only recently gone back to his old position of back in Middlesex team is not yet up to his old standard of last year

when he used to play regularly for the Army and Colony.

It appears that Wilkinson was not considered owing to his failing to turn up at previous representative matches.

Coomer is a good right winger, but his place is filled by a player equally as good who should be given a trial.

Saw has not been giving his usual performances during the last two months. I think Cpl. Weir will be able to prove his worth at the inside left position.

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THIS week brings us to the end of the Garrison Billiards and Snooker competitions which are being played at the Garrison Soldiers' Club to-night, Wednesday,

Thursday and Friday billiards competition on Friday between the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps and the Royal Army Medical Corps, who are the winners of the Garrison Billiards League for the third year in succession by winning all their games.

At the conclusion of this competition the prizes for the competitions held during the 1940-41 season will be presented by Colonel N. Ford. (President Area Billiards).

S/Sgt. Terran of R.A.M.C. is the winner of the trophy for the best average in games played in the Garrison Billiards League. He played 17 matches with an aggregate of 2544, and his average was 149.64.

To-night H.K.V.D. Corps will play Royal Corps Signals in the Final of the Soldiers' Club Tournament commencing at 6 p.m. The Volunteers should be able to account for the Signals in this competition as they have one or two excellent players in L/Cpl. Pereira, Capt. Sequeria, and Pte. Hickman.

The Signals' best players are Cpl. Blount, Sig. Alien, L/Cpl. Pitcher, and Sgt. Brackenbury.

To-morrow evening should be the climax of the week with Lieut. W. V. Dixon playing Cpl. Harvey in the Individuals Snooker championship, but I think Cpl. Harvey will just win.

Thursday brings us the Final of the Billiards Individual championship between Cpl. Harvey and S.Q.M.S. Wood. Both are excellent players, and it will be a difficult match to forecast.

Here is the Garrison Billiards League which R.A.M.C. have already won by beating R.A.O.C. last Friday 7 points to nil.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
R.A.M.C.	18	18	0	0	108
R. Scots	14	12	2	0	72
R.A.S.C.	16	12	4	0	72
C.M. Police	15	8	7	0	42
R.E.	17	5	12	0	52
R. Signals	14	5	9	0	42
5th A.A. Regt.	10	8	10	0	38
R.A.P.C.	15	3	12	0	33
R.A.O.C.	16	4	12	0	23
12th Hvy. Regt.	11	3	8	0	20

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BOTH Royal Engineers and Royal Army Service Corps look like beating the goal scoring record for most goals scored in one

season in league football. The Engineers have scored 73 goals in 15 matches, and the Service Corps 72 in the same number of matches.

Engineers also look like being the League winners of the Second Division, they are five points ahead and have eleven more games to play, their hardest matches being against Sing Tao on January 19, R.A.S.C. on February 15, and South China on April 5, and one postponed match against the Royal Scots.

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ROYAL Scots cricket eleven added another win to their credit on Saturday

Cricket by defeating Hong Kong Cricket Club by seven wickets in a friendly.

This win was mainly due to the fine innings by Lieut. Coombes, who made 109 not out, hitting 19 boundaries, and Capt. Douglas made 48 including eight fours.

Elteman also did well with his

WEEK-END SOCCER PROGRAMME

Following is the soccer programme for the week-end:

Sunday

First Division
Middlesex v Kowloon (Sookunpoo, 4.00 p.m.)

Police v Club (Boundary Street, 4.00 p.m.)

Eastern v South China (Caroline Hill, 4.00 p.m.)

Second Division
Service Corps v Middlesex (Sookunpoo, 2.30 p.m.)

Kwong Wah v Kowloon (Boundary Street, 2.30 p.m.)

Navy v Club (Caroline Hill, 2.30 p.m.)

Ordnance v 30th R.A. (Military, 2.30 p.m.)

Kit Chee v R. Scots (St. Joseph's, 2.30 p.m.)

Third Division
Service Corps v 36th R.A. (St. Joseph's, 4.00 p.m.)

35th R.A. v Shell (Military, 4.00 p.m.)

Engineers v Air Force (Chatham Road, 2.30 p.m.)

Snails v 12th R.A. (Chatham Road, 4.00 p.m.)

JUNIOR SHIELD

(Preliminary Round)
Middlesex v Service Corps (Boundary Street, 2.30 p.m.)

Engineers v Kowloon (Boundary Street, 2.30 p.m.)

Saturday

First Division
Kwong Wah v Navy (Boundary Street, 4.00 p.m.)

R. Scots v Sing Tao (Sookunpoo, 4.00 p.m.)

Second Division
South China v Police (Caroline Hill, 4.00 p.m.)

Engineers v Sing Tao (Sookunpoo, 2.30 p.m.)

Third Division
Med'cals v A.S.A. (Boundary Street, 2.30 p.m.)

24th R.A. v 20th R.A. (Caroline, 2.30 p.m.)

7th R.A. v International (Chatham Road, 4.00 p.m.)

JUNIOR SHIELD

(Preliminary Round)
Rovn' Scots v Chinese A.S.C. (Sookunpoo, 2.30 p.m.)

Postponed

bowling, he took six wickets for 41 runs.

Corps Signals and Royal Army Pay Corps drew on Saturday day in a friendly.

Pay Corps bated first and Stone made 49 before being bowled by Copsey, he was assisted by Hemming who made 40.

L/Cpl. Pitcher of the Signals hit a fine 59 and Cpl. Blount 28.

R.A.P.C.

Ingelby, c Bennett, b Blount 32

Murray, c Dixon, b Blount 33

Hemming, b Love 40

Chalcroft, c Love, b Dixon 5

Boncock, b Love 20

Adlair, run out 12

Stone, b Copsey 49

Carden, not out 3

Extras (B7, LB5) 12

Total (for 7 wks. dec.) 176

Standing, Smart, and Pinky did not bat.

SIGNALS

Wilson, b Boocock 0

Shawland, c Pinkey, b Boocock 15

Love, b Ingelby 6

Pitcher, b Chalcroft 59

Elke, b Ingelby 0

Blount, not out 28

Dixon, b Boocock 13

Bennett, b Copsey 1

Extras (B9) 8

Total (for 7 wks. dec.) 132

Fleet and Carroll did not bat.

A meeting of the Combined Small Units representatives will be held next

Athletics Monday January 20th in Scandia

Point Hall to discuss the team for the Small Units to compete in the Annual track and field



FAMOUS FOOTBALLER'S HUMAN LETTER

In the days when the Arsenal looked upon Aston Villa as their greatest rivals, Herbert Chapman used to open his tactical eve-of-the-match talks this way: "Boys, you are playing Billy Walker tomorrow."

That was how William Walker, one of the greatest strategists ever honoured with an England cap, stood in football, writes L. V. Manning.

His splendid career as player over, he became a manager, and his first year at the helm steered Sheffield Wednesday to their Cup triumph of 1935.

And the player Chapman most feared that season put out of the Cup one of the most dazzling starlit teams Chapman ever assembled, not on the field of play but in the dressing room.

Billy Walker, after surviving the vicissitudes inseparable from the job of club manager, is now with Nottingham Forest. He has written me a letter.

It is the most human I have ever received, and the strangest, because it asks me to help Mr. Walker to find for him for adoption a baby boy left parentless and homeless by the Frankenstein of Berchtesgaden in his campaign of murder over London.

Letter From A Man

Some letters need pruning. I print this one exactly as written, because no words of mine could add to its human appeal or show more surely the kind of home some bereaved orphan of the bombs is going to have.

Dear L. V.—

You will be surprised to hear from me, no doubt, but I want you to help me with regard to giving some poor little chap a lift in life.

My wife and daughter along with myself have been talking of how we could help some of the wonderful people in our greatest city, and we have come to this decision.

What we would like is your help to give a home and chance in life to some little boy about three years of age, one who has had the greatest misfortune to lose his parents in the bombing of our city.

He will be sure of a good home, and will be given the opportunity of a good education so that in the future he will be an asset to his country.

We are very fond of children, and between you and I, I have always longed for a son, but I have not had that great luck.

I have only one daughter and she is 19 years of age. She is

FATHER OF FIVE JOCKEYS KILLED

George Thomas Smyth, recently the victim of a fatal road accident, was a steeplejack and had hoped that his five sons would follow the same calling, writes L. V. Manning.

Instead, they all became jockeys, and there is no better known racing brotherhood than Herbert, Victor, William, Monty, and George Smyth. The first four are now trainers, of course.

The late John Nightingall, head of another famous Epsom family, had four sons who became riders and trainers (William, Bob, Arthur, and John), but five must be Turf record.

Herbert Smyth, the eldest son, was the first to show his aptitude for horses to chimneys, and he certainly climbed higher in the profession of his adoption than he could have done as a steeplejack he was meant to be, though it was brother Victor who soared highest.

Herbert actually ran away to become a stable hand. He became apprenticed to Tom Cannon, and one of his first jobs was to "do" St. Amant, who won the Derby in the de Rooschild colours as far back as 1901.

With Herbert an established jockey on the flat and over the sticks, the other brothers duly followed suit.

He made the greatest name of them all as a rider of big winners for Manton and other famous stables. Like Tommy Weston, he was always losing his cap during the hectic moments of a race, but never his head.

Monty, of course, has been champion trainer under Poney Turf Club rules, and William trains in Linklater probably the best sprinter in the country.

R.A.M.C. AGAIN

For the third year in succession Royal Army Medical Corps have won the Garrison Challenge Cup for billiards, beating Corps of Military Police in the final last night by 785-643.

Following were the scores:—

R.A.M.C.	C. of M.P.
Sgt Wyre	65 L/Cpl. Willis 150 (25 and 23)
I.L. Dixon	130 Sgt Whitton 150
S/Sgt. Terran	150 L/Cpl. Clift 72 (30, 20, 28)
Pte. Howe	150 Capt. Hyde 60
Pte. Whybrow	150 L/Cpl. Teggart 93
Cpl. Harvey	150 L/Cpl. Thomson 118 (24, 22) (22)
Totals	785 643

thrilled by the thought that she will have the chance she has always wanted of having a brother.

Can you help us? Please do your best.

I would, as one who has always loved the London public, like to say how proud I am of them all. God bless and keep them, and long live the greatest country in the world.

Yours, very sincerely,
BILLY WALKER.

The only postscript from me such an appeal needs is this:

William Walker's address is 38, Repton Road, West Bridgford, Nottingham.

SOCER INTERNATIONALS AT END OF SEASON

No attempt is to be made to stage international matches until the last quarter of the season, om London.

All depends on the Home Front situation, of course, but it may be found that England's home matches with Wales and Scotland will have to be played on small club provincial grounds, where a 10,000 crowd or so would be as much as could be expected. Better this than no internationals.

I expect the League will be asked to leave the Saturday in January, March, April and May clear as possible from Cup-tie dates.

ASSOCIATION FOR REFEREES FORMED

With the improvement and standardisation of officiating at games as its principal aim, the National Referees Association of the Philippines was formally organised at a meeting held last night at the PAAF committee room o the Rizal Memorial Coliseum.

At the meeting, the following were elected officers and members of the executive committee of the organisation: Dr. Regino R. Yllana, who is responsible for all tour honorary adviser; Patricio Gonzales, president; Dionisio Calvo, who managed the soccer term on its last visit to Hong Kong vice president; Augusto Bautista, secretary-treasurer; and Leandro Gruet.

Winter training is being held at South China Bathing Pavilion, North Point, where Donald Young Cheung-va, South China champion, is daily seen concentrating on the 400 Metre distance.

Lily Sadick, Colony back-stroke champion and who represented Chinese Bathing Club last year, is now daily training under Lai Tsum coaching at European "Y". Although Miss Sadick has never paid much attention to the crawl stroke, her coach says that she is fast developing into a free-style swimmer of note.

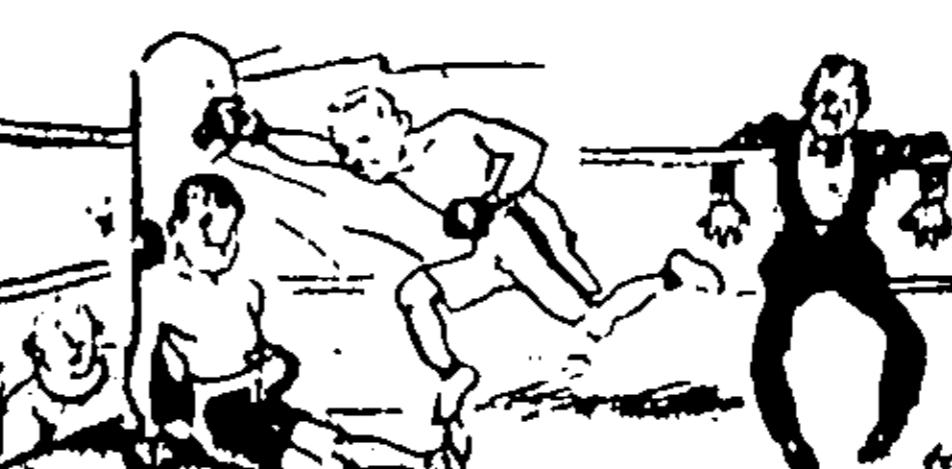
Followers of ladies' hockey will be interested to learn that Miss Stella Roberts, former St. Andrew's player, represented Great Britain against Portugal in a match in Shanghai on Christmas Day. She played on the left wing.

It was announced recently that A. P. Pereira, the Recreio bowler who has been out of the game for the entire season, would be turning out again for the Recreio senior cricket team. Although he was down to play against Kowloon Cricket Club last week, he was forced to withdraw, however, following a recurrence of his old injury.

YESTERDAY'S YACHT RACE

The second women's champion ship series race sailed by the Yacht Club yesterday over 7.5 miles resulted:

True Blue	4.42.00	Miss Wilson	1
Artemis	4.42.14	Mrs. J. E. Potter	2
Redbank	4.42.58	Miss Pritchard	3
Gull	4.43.45	Miss Richards	4
"Did not finish."—Maureen.			



BAER SELECTED AS LOGICAL OPPONENT

The magazine Ring's annual ratings listed Max Baer as No. 1 contender for Joe Louis' heavyweight boxing crown.

Baer was given the honour because he knocked out Tony Galento and Lou Comiskey this year.

The magazine predicted that Billy Conn, who fights Louis in June, would not last long against the "Brown Bomber."

The magazine did not list the middleweight, bantamweight and flyweight titlists, but listed the leaders in each division as Louis, heavyweight; Conn, light-heavyweight; Ken Overlin, middleweight; Lew Jenkins, light-weight; F. Olivera, bantamweight, and Jackie Paterson of Scotland, flyweight.

Jack Hollidge, who skipped an Interport side for Hong Kong when Shanghai were last down here, has left the Colony on transfer. The Civil Service Cricket Club also loses a promising cricketer in Derek Hollidge, his son.

LOCAL CHESS

K. M. A. Barnett, Colony Chess champion, is not defending his title. Entries for the Senior Chess Championship are C. M. Sequeira, D. E. de Carvalho, E. Zimmern, K. Weiss, L. Karpovich and G. S. Coxhead. Zimmern, it will be recalled, was runner-up last year to Barnett.

Considerable progress has been made in the Senior and Junior Championships of the Kowloon Chess Club. The two events are each divided into "A" and "B" Sections and section winners will play the best of three games to decide the titles.

The field is fairly open in the "A" Section of the Senior Championship where both Sequiera and Karpovich have scored 5½ points each, although the former has a game in hand. In the "B" Section it looks very much like a victory for Carvalho, who has 6½ points in eight games, Blriukoff, his nearest rival, having scored 5 points in nine games.

V. V. Kolatchoff and J. Greifalda are vying for honours in the "A" section of the Junior Championship, while S. Benjamin, who has obtained 6 points in seven games, looks a certain winner of "B" section.

PLAY-OFF GOLF

The Golf play-off at Fanling of the tie between G. M. Park (7), G. Thomerson (20) and T. McGarry (11) in the first competition in aid of the "South China Morning Post" Bomber Fund, resulted in a win for Park, who returned a card of one up. G. W. Reeve returned a card of 76-12=64, at Happy Valley, to qualify for the January round of the Adamson Cup competition.

R. A. Jordan, who skipped a few Third Division games for Kowloon Bowling Green Club last season, fractured his finger when playing tennis recently. Despite the fact that his right hand is affected, and that he bowls with that hand, he has learned to play with the left, thus emulating L. Jack, of K.C.C., whose enthusiasm induced him to achieve this same feat last Summer.

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POUNDING OF TOBRUK REACHING CRESCENDO

PHOENIX FROM THE ASHES

The British Government is deeply concerned to ensure that the free spirit of man shall merge from the ruins of war, declared Mr. Arthur Greenwood, Minister without portfolio, broadcasting yesterday.

"We must help to create the conditions under which nations will be able to work out their own salvation as they work in neighbourly relations with others and do no flout the law of nations.

"Opportunities for aggression must be restrained by the combined will and organisation of those nations which stand for orderly progress and against the tyrannical exercise of power.

"Britain after the war will not tolerate in her midst the tragic spectacle of abject poverty nor the scourge of unemployment. "We shall look forward to developing our educational system and social services as we are planning to get rid of ugliness in our towns and to build a fairer Britain and to replace the hovels that remain with worthy homes." — Reuter.

New Feudalism

Mr. Greenwood, dealing with Hitler's recent contemptuous reference to living conditions in Britain, said he admitted there were defects in the British social structure, as there were in Germany, but "the fundamental point of difference between us and Hitler is that we have fought our way out of feudalism towards freedom whilst he wishes to impose a new feudalism. We now have a developing democratic system guided by public conscience." — British Wireless.

Liner In Serious Position

Coastguards at West Palm Beach, Florida, tried fruitlessly for hours yesterday afternoon to rescue the liner "Manhattan."

Several hawsers snapped during attempts and the heavy surf swells carried her further shore. Arrangements are being made to move the liner's 200 passengers in fact, some of the pas-

Significant Silence In Cairo

GENERAL WAVELL'S HEADQUARTERS IN CAIRO CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN WHAT IS PERHAPS A SIGNIFICANT SILENCE REGARDING THE SITUATION IN LIBYA, WHERE THE CAPTURE OF INVESTED TOBRUK IS THE IMMEDIATE TASK.

Last night's reports from the battle front indicated that more and more British heavy guns were being brought up and joining in the bombardment of the Italian defence posts.

The communique issued in Cairo, however, makes no mention of developments in Libya, merely saying that there is no change in the situation.

Turkish Flood Disaster

Many lives have been lost and much damage caused by disastrous floods in the Antioch region of Turkey, states Reuter's Ankara correspondent.

The River Asi has overflowed, following torrential rains, causing widespread destruction.

The floods swept away bridges, wrecked mills, destroyed roads, uprooted trees and inundated farm lands over a wide area.

Losses of livestock have been heavy and communications are completely disrupted. The inhabitants are being evacuated from a large zone. The rains, meantime, are continuing. — Reuter.

SURPRISE ATTACKS BY GREEKS

A violent surprise attack by Greek troops has dislodged the Italians from strongly fortified positions in the central sector of the front, says the Athens radio.

Fierce hand-to-hand engagements are reported from the northern sector where the Greeks made an advance after bayonet fighting.

Desperate attempts by the Italians to reinforce their positions in the coastal sector north of Chilmaria have been nullified by the spirit of the Greek offensive. — Reuter.

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U.S. "EXPOSE" SEQUEL

Verne Marshall, the Chairman of the "No Foreign War Committee," has announced that he has been served with a subpoena to appear before the Grand Jury of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia.

He added that he did not know the reason for the order.

Verne Marshall, who is a newspaper editor of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, in a statement he made a fortnight ago, alleged that President Roosevelt had a chance a year ago to halt the European War and still had a chance to serve as peace-maker if he grasped it.

He told a sensational story of official German peace terms being flown to the United States in September, 1939, by William Rhodes Davis, a New York oil operator.

He further alleged that these terms were suppressed by the State Department although they involved "just and honourable" terms for a peace conference to be held at the White House with President Roosevelt as mediator. — Reuter.

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Republican Party Splits Over Willkie Endorsement

ROOSEVELT SUCCESS IN CONGRESS

THE FIRST STEP in rushing the Lease-and-Lend Bill through Congress was taken yesterday when a vote in the House of Representatives cleared the way for the Bill to come before the Foreign Affairs Committee of the House.

An effort by the Military Affairs Committee to bring the measure under its control was defeated.

The vote was taken without debate as the rules of the House allow of no discussion on such an issue.

Mr. Cordell Hull, Secretary of State will be the first witness at to-day's hearing before the Foreign Affairs Committee.

Yesterday's vote is regarded as a victory for the Administration in the first brush with Congress over the Bill.

Republican Split

In the meantime, Mr. Wendell Willkie's support of the Bill, which has been heartily welcomed by the Administration and most Democrats, may determine his future position and influence in the Republican Party.

Certainly his statement has caused a split in the Party and it remains to be seen whether he can carry the majority with him or whether they will go over to the Landon-Hoover group.

Mr. Willkie gets considerable support from the Press.

The staunchly Republican newspaper "Baltimore Sun" comments that he has risen above partisanship in advocating the general principles of the Bill and asking for safeguards to ensure reversions to the people of the powers that the Bill delegates to the President. — Reuter.

BRITAIN IN THE MARKET

Mr. Henry Morgenthau, the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury, disclosed in Washington yesterday that the British Government is negotiating with large groups of the American investment trust for the sale of British investments in the United States.

Mr. Morgenthau said: "One very large group of the investment trust has made one offer and another group will make an offer to-morrow."

He added that Sir Frederick Phillips, the British Treasury representative now in Washington, had informed him that the British Government was "ready to do business with them."

Mr. Morgenthau said that he could not estimate the amount of securities that might be involved or disclose the identity of the companies which might buy them.

The British were encountering no great difficulty in selling American securities, regularly traded on organized exchanges.

The Federal Board recently placed about \$100 million in British securities, and these, despite much lower speeds are usually higher.

TOWN TO CUT BILLET SNOBS

Well-to-do people who refuse to billet homeless London women and children are to be shunned by residents at Dereham, Norfolk.

This was stated by Mr. C. H. Reeder, chief billeting officer at Dereham, where doors were locked against two hundred homeless Londoners.

"I shall use my compulsory powers, announced by Mr. MacDonald, to the full," Mr. Reeder said. "Everyone who has volunteered to have an evacuee is already giving shelter to some, and others are living in condemned houses.

Dereham townsfolk are planning a 'cutting campaign' for the shirkers, mostly monied people with large houses.

"We shall cut them in the street, walk out of shops if they enter, leave the meetings they attend, and in general let them see what we think of them." — Reuter.

PLEDGE OF BRITISH RESOURCES SOUGHT BY U.S.A.

SUPPORT APPEARS to be steadily growing for the suggestion that Britain should be requested to post the bulk of her remaining dollar holdings in the United States against materials to be supplied under the "Lease-and-Lend" plan.

CHILD ROAD VICTIMS UP

Recent investigation by the National "Safety First" Association shows that more very young children, especially those aged about three, are being killed in road accidents than before the war.

"This," it is stated, "may be partly due to mothers going into industry."

"The policy of the Ministry of Labour in setting up creches for these children is a splendid move which will be a safeguard not only against road accidents, but many home accidents, of which young children are normally the victims."

The association is starting a new road safety campaign, its aim being to save twenty lives a day.

Few children, it is pointed out, are killed during black-out hours, but during daylight, despite reduced traffic, two or three are still being killed every day.

Town children evacuated to the country and those in the city, though not speeds are usually higher,

TIME LIMIT ON POWERS OF PRESIDENT

A suggestion of a possible attempt to impose a time limit on the powers given to President Roosevelt under the Aid For Britain Bill was made at a press conference by Mr. Sam Rayburn, Speaker of the House of Representatives, in Washington yesterday.

Mr. Rayburn said he would not oppose imposition of a time limit provided that that limit "ran concurrently with the emergency." — Reuter.

PRESSURE ON EIRE

"Millions of people of Irish descent in North America would claim every act of cooperation on the part of Eire in the war against the Axis," states a cable sent yesterday from the Irish Canadians in Canada to the De Valera Government, says Reuter's Ottawa correspondent.

The cable was signed by Mr. Manion, the former leader of the National Conservative Party on behalf of a group of prominent Irish Canadians in various parts of the Dominion. — Reuter.

RECENT EXTENSION OF THE ROYAL AIR FORCE OFFENSIVE TO REGULAR DAYLIGHT AS WELL AS NIGHT BOMBARDMENTS LENDS ADDITIONAL INTEREST TO NEWS THAT FOUR DIFFERENT KINDS OF UNITED STATES BOMBERS FOR THE R.A.F. ARE BEING FLOWN ACROSS THE ATLANTIC.

A large number of certain types have arrived and a continuous stream is to be maintained in the future.

The four types are the Lockheed Hudson long-range reconnaissance bomber for the Coastal Command; the Boeing B17 four-engine bomber, popularly called the Flying Fortress, the Consolidated two-engine flyingboat, and the Lockheed Vega Ventura bomber. — Reuter.

M.P. WANTS SOVIET AID

Russian aid in the evacuation of British children and old people, and neutral cooperation for urgent humanitarian purposes, is being proposed by an M.P.

The Prime Minister is to be asked by Mr. R. W. Sorenson (Soc., Leyton West) to invite the U.S.S.R. Government to become officially associated with our own Government in arranging for the evacuation of British children, invalids and old people to places of safety overseas.

In addition, Mr. Sorenson would like the Premier to consider obtaining the cooperation of Russia and other neutral governments for urgent humanitarian purposes.

The suggestion is also to be made by Mr. Sorenson that Mr. Churchill should consider approaching the U.S., Soviet and other neutral Powers with a view to discussing "any joint action that can be taken immediately concerning agreed and planned humanitarian service to European peoples."

BELGIAN REPAIRS ORDERED BY NAZI HIGH COMMAND

IN PREPARATION for the coming attempt to invade Britain, thousands of workers have been drafted by the German High Command to repair the waterways and bridges destroyed during the invasion of Belgium, according to news received in London by the Free Belgian News Service.

It will be recalled that a statement issued a few days ago disclosed that over 6,000 miles of roadways had been destroyed and hundreds of bridges during the blitzkrieg, and that many villages were completely cut off from outside contact by rupture of communications.

The Germans are now aiming first at the re-establishment of navigation between Ghent and Bruges and the port of Antwerp. Men have been working day and night to repair the canals.

Some 750 bridges were destroyed during the fighting last May and hundreds of ships were sunk in the waterways. A system of "voluntary" labour service on the Nazi model has been started in Belgium and a special camp is due to be opened this week for the instruction of leaders to take charge of the labour camps.

Despite the propaganda drive carried on for months, however, the number of "volunteers" for the labour service is very small. — Reuter.

MORE SPURS IN WAR DRIVE

By Reuter's Lobby Correspondent

New acceleration of Britain's war effort is expected shortly when, it is anticipated, the well-known expert, Sir William Beveridge, is appointed to take full time direction of the country's manpower problem.

Discussion on the new proposals to accelerate the war effort is intensifying in political circles, politicians having now had a week to consider them. Even now it cannot be said that there is a general approval, and criticism is still being focussed on the questions of manpower and production.

The next Parliamentary debate, originally intended as a secret session, is on manpower and production, and the Commons will have the opportunity of expressing views on the changes made.

Many feel that the whole question of manpower and production needs more effective dealing and more action taken. — Reuter.

U.S. BASE IN ANTIGUA

TWO OFFICERS ARRIVED AT ANTIGUA, IN THE LEeward ISLANDS, OVER THE WEEK-END TO ESTABLISH A U.S. NAVAL AND AIR BASE ON CRABBS PENINSULA.

Both officers — Commander Johnson and Major Max Smith — are of the United States Marines.

The building of a wharf, dispensary, officers' quarters and camp will be considered.

Sir Gordon James, Governor of the Leeward Island, has granted a permit for the initiation of operations and a building party consisting of three officers and 50 men of the United States Marines are expected to arrive at the end of January to begin the work. — Reuter.

DID NOT TURN UP

Accused of disorderly behaviour at the Peninsula Hotel at 8 p.m. yesterday, R. Richardson, of No. 106, Waterloo Road, failed to appear in Kowloon Court this morning.

The bell of 800 was rung to summon him to appear in Kowloon Court this morning.

HITLER'S REBUFF IN BALKANS

Plain Speaking By Bulgaria And Soviet Russia

Situation Clarified

(By Reuter's Diplomatic Correspondent)

TWO IMPORTANT OFFICIAL PRONONCMENTS, ONE RUSSIAN AND THE OTHER BULGARIAN, DURING THE PAST 24 HOURS, HAVE HELPED TO CLARIFY THE IMMEDIATE OUTLOOK IN THE BALKANS.

They dispose of the Nazi-inspired rumours that Germany and Soviet Russia have made a "deal" in connection with the Balkans and of the report that Russia had agreed to the passage of German troops through Bulgaria.

COOK, 92, ALL LIFE WITH ONE FAMILY

More than seventy-five years ago Eliza Lemon joined a Victorian family as their cook.

Maybe she dreamed of a romantic marriage with some gentleman's gentleman—or perhaps she saw herself rising in her profession until she was in charge of a busy staff in the kitchen of a duke or earl.

Dreams Grew Dim

But somehow, her dreams grew dim and no handsome young man came to take her away from her saucepans and dishes.

She died a few days ago when she was ninety-two after a fall in her bathroom in Queen's Gate Place, Kensington, still in the service of the family she had joined as a girl.

"DON'T MIX" TO CHILDREN

Because of an outbreak of infantile paralysis, parents in South Bucks villages have been warned not to let their children attend cinemas or mix with each other.

Schools in the villages of Hedingham and Farnham Common have been closed, as well as Sunday schools and clubs.

A Ministry of Health order closing the schools asks parents to notify the authorities if their children contract colds, tonsillitis or influenza.

Five cases have been reported from the two villages since early in September. One has proved fatal, and two are still serious.

Dr. Bradley, the principal regional medical officer to the Ministry, is conducting an investigation.

PADRE PRISONER OF WAR

The Rev. R. D. F. Wild, Royal Army Chaplain's Department, who was among four officers previously reported missing, is now a prisoner, according to War Office Casualty List No. 67 containing the names of 23 officers and 305 other ranks.

All the officers named are prisoners. They include 18 captured and one previously reported missing believed killed.

Among the other ranks, 215 are prisoners. They comprise 186 captured and 30 previously reported missing believed killed. Three killed and 120 missing have been

In these circumstances, it is probable that the stories of large German troop concentrations in Rumania are equally inaccurate, though there is undoubtedly a considerable garrison in that country in order to protect the oilfields.

The Russian statement, coming so soon after the Soviet-German economic and northern frontier pact emphasises the strictly limited scope of that pact. It also makes quite clear that the absence of any reference to the Balkans is not an oversight but is due to the fact that no agreement has been reached on that subject.

Uncompromising

The Bulgarian declaration, made by the Prime Minister, M. Filoff, came only a few days after his return from Vienna.

He reaffirmed Bulgaria's policy of peace and neutrality, alluded to the help of Russia in the recovery of the Dobrudja and repeated that neither the Nazi nor the Communist system of Government was suitable for Bulgaria.

The special significance of this speech is that it was possible for M. Filoff to make such uncompromising statements in the midst of a war of nerves which Nazi agents have been fostering and promoting in the Balkans. It suggests that the German schemes have failed to upset the Bulgarian Prime Minister's equilibrium despite tendentious reports that his position was unstable.—Reuter.

NEW PUNCH FOR BRITAIN'S 1941 AIR OFFENSIVE

(By Reuter's Air Correspondent)

BRITAIN'S 1941 AIR offensive, already begun, is to be given fresh punch by at least four new types of American bombers.

The Boeing Bomber, powerfully armed, is said to be able to carry four tons of bombs and its range is such that it is estimated it could cross the Atlantic with a full load of petrol and bombs.

It will join the even bigger and more powerful British Short Sterling in dealing with every part of Germany's 1941 "knock-out" plan.

The twin-engined flying boat will boost up the strength of the R.A.F. Coast Command, where it needs it most, namely in the joint protection of Atlantic convoys. Indeed any enemy vessel along the Nazi-controlled European coastlines are the special targets of these swift well-armed medium bombers.

Altogether there are now available to Britain some 30 types of American warplanes which are being ferried across the Atlantic by sea and air.—Reuter.

REVOLT IN ABYSSINIA

"I will tear down the figure of the wolf put up by the Italians in Addis Ababa and replace it with the white marble statue of the Lion of Judah," said Haile Selassie, ex-Emperor of Abyssinia, in an interview in Khartoum yesterday.

Deciding his determination to restore his throne, he said that the revolt of the Abyssinian patriots is making great headway.

The day is not far distant, he said, when he would cross the border into Abyssinia and lead the army of Ethiopian patriots against the Italian invaders.

Military authorities in London say that Italian difficulties in Abyssinia may be responsible for their withdrawal from Buna, on the Kenya border.

They may have thought it wise to shorten their lines of communication because of the increased activity of the Abyssinians.—Reuter.

HIS CAR WORKS FOR SPITFIRE FUND

Money to buy Spitfires has come from all parts of the country, and funds received by the Minister of Aircraft Production have been raised in various ways.

A method has been devised by a motorist who for the past few months has given lifts to and from London to a south-eastern suburb.

He has a collecting box in his car, and passengers who save their fares by gaining a lift are asked to contribute towards the Spitfire fund.

One week this motorist collected 25s. in pennies and two pence. One passenger—a superintendent at a telephone exchange—normally pays fourpence for her journey to work, but when going by private car she gives sixpence to the fund.

A.F.S. FUND TO HELP EACH OTHER

A scheme for a mutual benefit fund from which payments would be made in case of illness, accident or death, whether caused by enemy action or not is planned by the 1,200 members of Wolverhampton A.F.S.

It is proposed to make immediate advances on loans of money, or its equivalent, if damage is done to property, furniture or clothing, pending the settlement of any legal claim, and to augment a settlement in cases of hardship.

Assistance would be given in the following cases: illness, accident, or death of a member, of a member's husband, wife or child.

The social club of the A.F.S. has promised £100 to form a nucleus of the fund. Members are being asked to subscribe one shilling a month, and it is expected the fund will reach a minimum figure of £1,000.

The fund is independent of any Government scheme, and it is suggested that it can be extended with advantage to all civil defence workers.

7,000 MINERS MAY BE THROWN IDLE

Notices expire involving 7,000 West Wales miners likely to be rendered idle as the result of the loss of Continental markets and the closing of the Canadian Hudson River.

Mr. D. R. Grenfell, M. P., Minister of Mines, at Swansea, had a further long conference with representatives of the employers and

ITALIAN PLIGHT IN ALBANIA

Documents seized by the Greeks show that even by the end of November last the Italians knew that the situation might become very grave in the near future.

Among these documents is a report from the commander of the Central Alpine Division to his General Officer in Command. He asks that his men be relieved, because they have lost 50 per cent of their effectives.

"We are no longer able to stand up to front-line fighting," he says.

"My men are practically barefoot and ill clad and they find it hard to stand the severe weather and cold."

His General replies on November 27th:—

"As soon as possible, we will move your unit to the rear, but just now this is impossible."

"You must hold on firmly in order to avoid creating a situation which might become grave."—Reuter.

workmen when the report of the sub-committee was submitted.

The proceedings were private and at the close it was officially stated that the problem had been fully discussed and that there is to be further meetings at the Mines Department in London.

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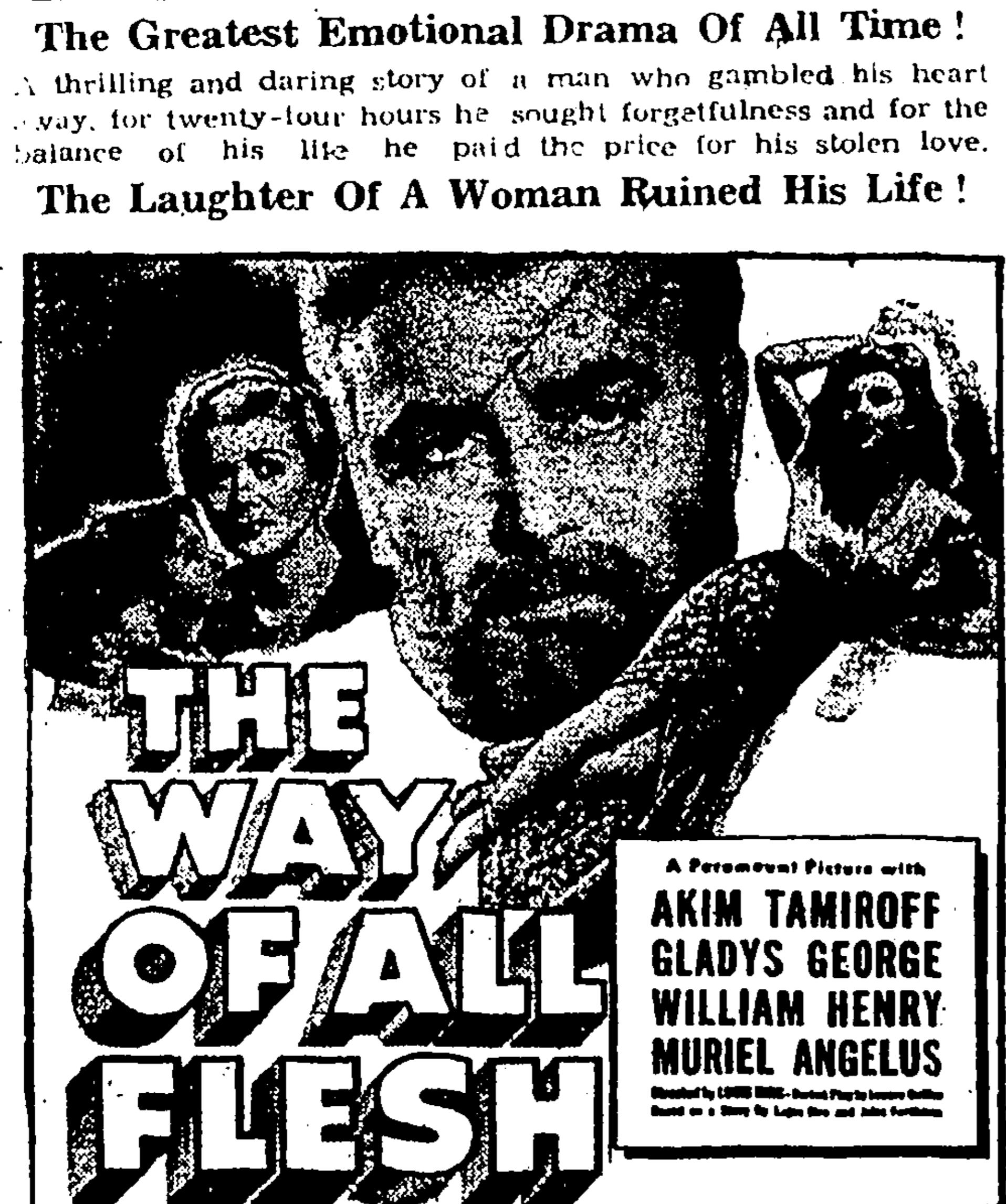
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ITALIAN COMMANDER IN ALBANIA GOES INTO RETIREMENT

THERE IS LIVELY comment abroad on the news that yet another Italian general has resigned, and that a fourth Italian officer is now going to try his luck against the Greeks.

General Soddu has been Commander-in-Chief in Albania for about two months and the official version is that he has been relieved of his duties at his own request owing to ill-health.

General Cavallero, who has been Chief of the Staff since Marshal Badoglio resigned a month ago, is to retain this post and at the same time assume the command in Albania.

General Soddu has had little military experience, although he was Vice-Chief under Marshal Graziani from June to November last year.

His two months in Albania have been one long series of defeats. At no point have the forces under his command made a stand against the Greeks, and he has been outmanoeuvred on every hand by the strategy of General Metaxas and General Papagos.

Cavallero, on the other hand, is an experienced man and was Chief of Operations during the last war. He was made Under-Secretary for War when Mussolini came into power and he was called on to fill Marshal Badoglio's place when the latter "vacated office" in December last.

Long Series

Soddu's resignation is yet another in a long series. On December 11, Marshal Badoglio resigned, reportedly because he was disgusted at the way Mussolini had entered the war without adequate preparations and against the wishes of most Italians.

A day later, the general in command of the Dodecanese Islands followed suit, and he was joined by the naval leaders, including the Chief of Naval Staff, his Deputy and the Commander-in-Chief of the Italian Fleet.

The fact that Mussolini has had to call on his Chief of Staff is a sign of the extreme shortage of military leaders willing to conduct Mussolini's war.

In addition to those who have resigned, two have met their death and almost a dozen have been taken prisoner.

At the same time, the Italian military situation goes from bad to worse.

Greek Offensive

When General Cavallero reaches Albania he will find a Greek offensive in full swing in the central sector, with Tepelini in a bad way.

The Greeks are still making gains beyond Klissoura and correspondent calls it "the biggest Greek offensive of the war."

The Italians are losing prisoners by the hour, while Greek artillery is keeping up an intensive fire. The eight inches of snow which fell recently turned into six inches of mud over the week-end and more snow is now falling.

The Greek advance is not great in distance, but London circles say that it is a very important one. They have got behind Klissoura and well over onto the road to Berat, so that Italian lateral lines of communication are now 30 miles further north.

Tepelini is in an awkward position, but it entirely lost and part of a new Italian Division has been sent there. General Cavallero will have to provide better leaders than Soddu, however, if the Italians are to retain the town.

1,500 Hostages

Among his "war trophies" General Cavallero will find 1,500 hostages. An Albanian message says

LOCKED THE DOORS ON EVACUEES

Mothers with tiny children evaqua ed. from West Ham and Islington arrived at Dereham, Norfolk, to find the townspeople there had locked their doors against them.

As a result, twenty-four babies with their mothers — a total of thirty-eight — had to be taken to a public assistance institution for shelter.

Dereham cottagers are demanding a full inquiry alleging that the owners of big houses with plenty of accommodation have failed to do their bit.

Only 40 Taken

The chief billeing officer at Dereham, Mr. C. H. Reeder, sent circular letters to people who refused to offer shelter to the London evacuees, telling them that he had decided to use his compulsory billeting powers, and that each of them must offer hospitality to one mother and her children.

It was stated that houses to which these notices had been sent had been found locked when the mothers and children were taken there.

Out of a total of 200 evacuees sent to Dereham, townspeople offered voluntarily to accommodate only forty families.

An inquiry is likely to be held.

FREE MILK JUST START

The cheap milk scheme is the beginning of a national nutrition policy, Miss Mary Sutherland, chief officer of the women's section of the Socialist Party, told a women's meeting at Sheffield.

It was the first scheme set up on a Socialist basis, being available to everyone irrespective of income.

Miss Sutherland said that it was important that canteen menus in factories should be attractive to boys and girls as well as to them doing heavy work. Mothers had said that their girls took sandwiches because they could not face up to the canteen meals, which were often stodgy.

BOMB MISSES FIVE MEN BY TEN FEET

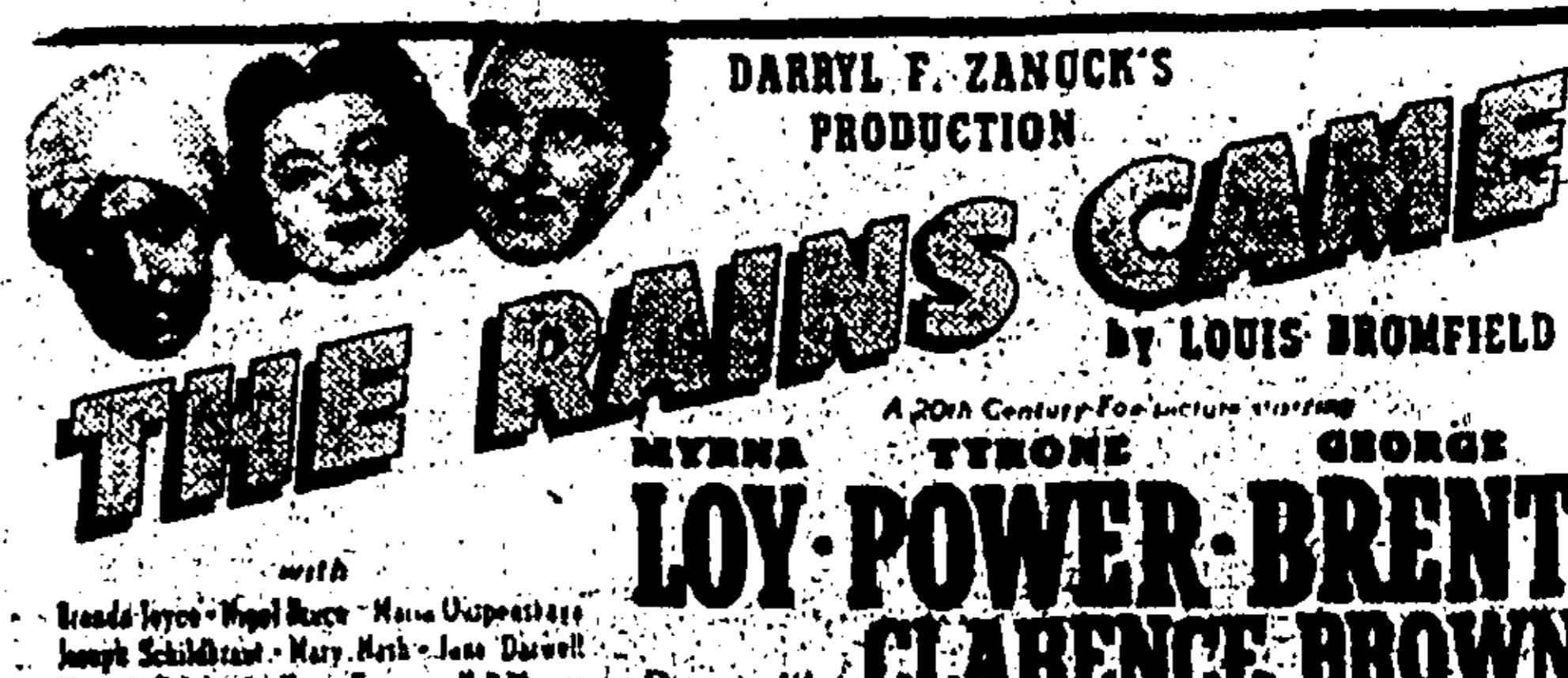
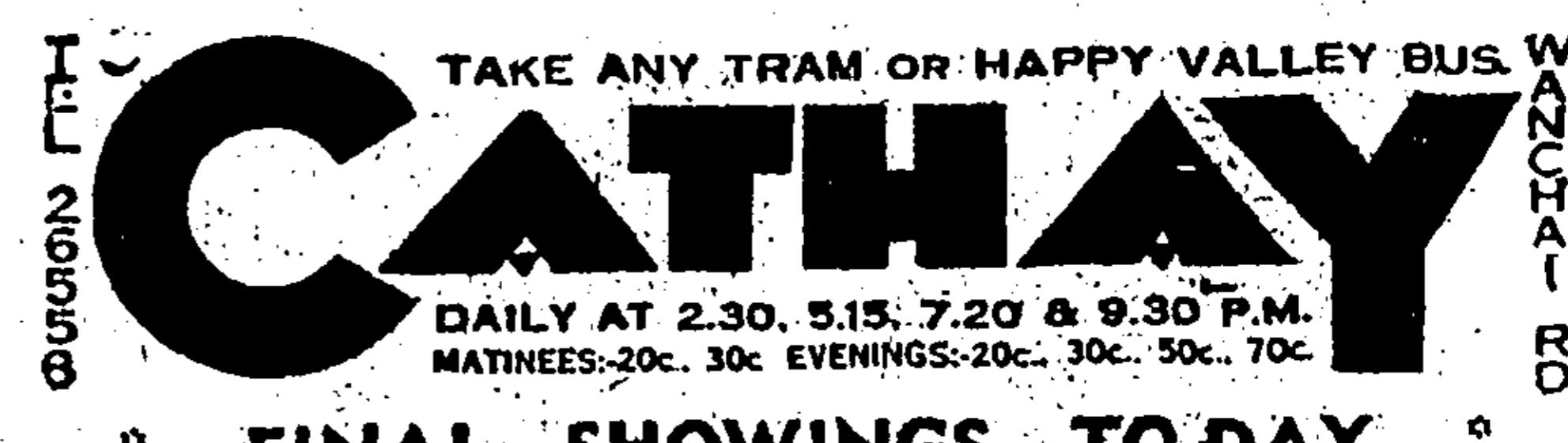
By diving flat on the ground five men had a split-second escape from injury when a heavy bomb dropped just 10ft. from the lorry alongside which they were working.

At the time the men were clearing away debris caused by previous raids in a town in the Home Counties.

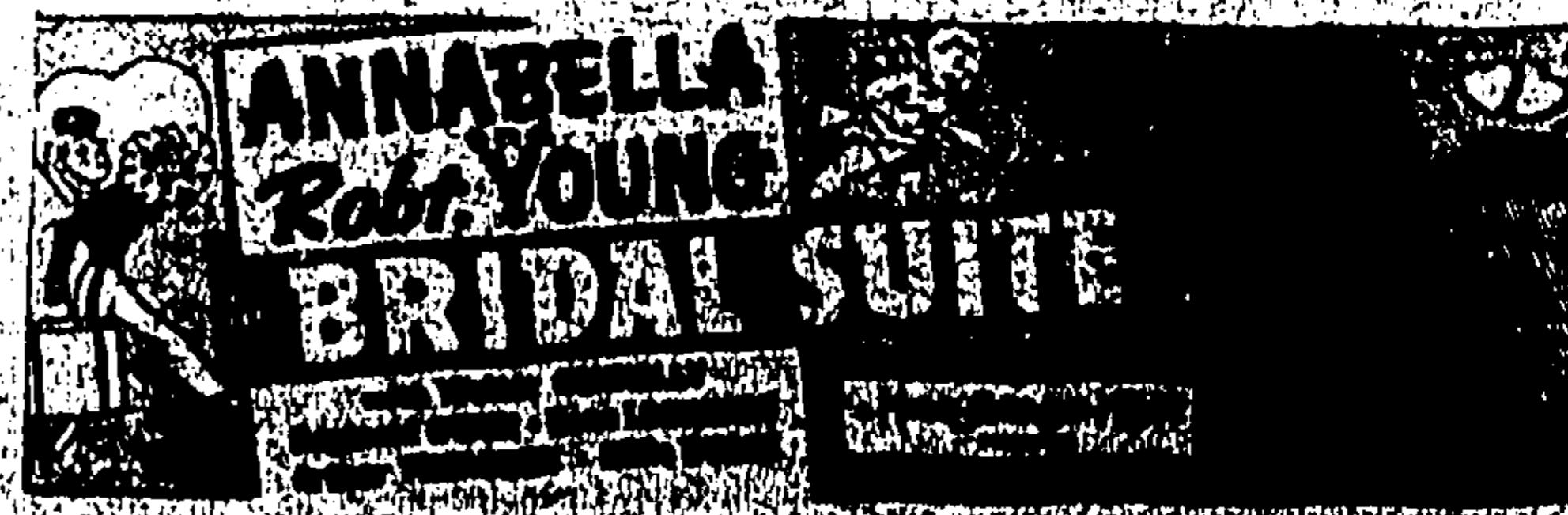
They were A. Hewitt, E. V. Wickham, C. Johns, W. Baldock and C. Heffer.

Wickham said: "We heard the droning of a plane and then a swishing second. Looking up, we saw a big bomb coming straight for us.

"Somebody shouted, but I had already ducked. I don't know how we managed to get down in time, but we did. The ground seemed to lift us in the air, and I swear I came down in a different place."



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MUTT AND JEFF



By BUD FISHER

MAJOR SHOCKED ARTISTIC WIFE

Differences in temperament between a major and his wife, a concert singer, were referred to by Mr. Justice Hodson in the Divorce Court, when he gave judgment in cross-suits in which each asked for divorce.

The petition of the wife, Mrs. Helen Marjorie Norbury, of Kensington Court, London, W., in which she alleged cruelty, was dismissed. Major Malcolm Norbury was granted a decree nisi on the ground of desertion.

Major and Mrs. Norbury, who have two children, were married in May, 1938.

Sensitive Woman

In May, 1937, Mrs. Norbury left her husband.

Giving judgment, Mr. Justice Hodson said that Mrs. Norbury was a woman of artistic temperament and her husband was a very different type of man.

That difference in their temperaments seemed to explain almost everything that had happened.

No doubt the wife was shocked at times at things which her husband said to her, and no doubt he said things that were calculated to cause a sensitive woman a good deal of pain.

10 GIRLS ON BIKES CALL OUT H.G.

By A Special Correspondent

CYCLING BREATHLESSLY along miles of country lanes, ten Girl Guides, the eldest sixteen, the youngest twelve, became Army messengers in an emergency. They summoned 200 Home Guards to duty within two hours.

When the Commanding Officer saw his men massed on parade he said, "Good heavens! How on earth did we get them here so soon?" "The Guides have done it again, sir," an officer told him.

But it was equally true that up to a short time ago Major Norbury was sincerely devoted to his wife and actuated by the desire to please her and to fall in with her wish to follow her own career and express herself musically, although it was the kind of life with which he had no sympathy.

"He was not perfect, but he was doing the best he could. "Because these two people were tempermentally different, and they may have been incompatible one with the other, the wife may find that she cannot live with her husband—indeed, it may possibly be that her health has suffered by contiguity with a man with whom she has never been in sympathy—it does not prove cruelty."

Hazel Hornb... sixteen-year-old High School girl, and the 3rd. Christchurch (Hants) Company of Guides "adopted" Christchurch Home Guard when it was formed. On bicycles they toured the countryside delivering postcards inviting men to join.

Since then two of them in uniform report each night at the local drill hall for duty. They run messages and errands.

Hazel sometimes types letters for the Commanding Officer in her father's library.

Whenever there is an emergency the Guides go into action. Each has her own round. They cycle to the homes of the Guardsmen, some of whom live in remote country places, and summon them to duty.

"These Guides have done great work for this company," Major T. Woombell, the Commanding Officer told a reporter.

"Hazel is the daughter of one of my platoon commanders. When we formed the company she trooped along with her girls and rather shyly asked if they could help.

"Help! Why, they've nearly made this company. They've done us countless good turns. Two turn up every night, good or bad weather, and run messages summoning men to duty.

"When we had the emergency call it was imperative that I got every man on duty. Without the Guides it couldn't have been done."

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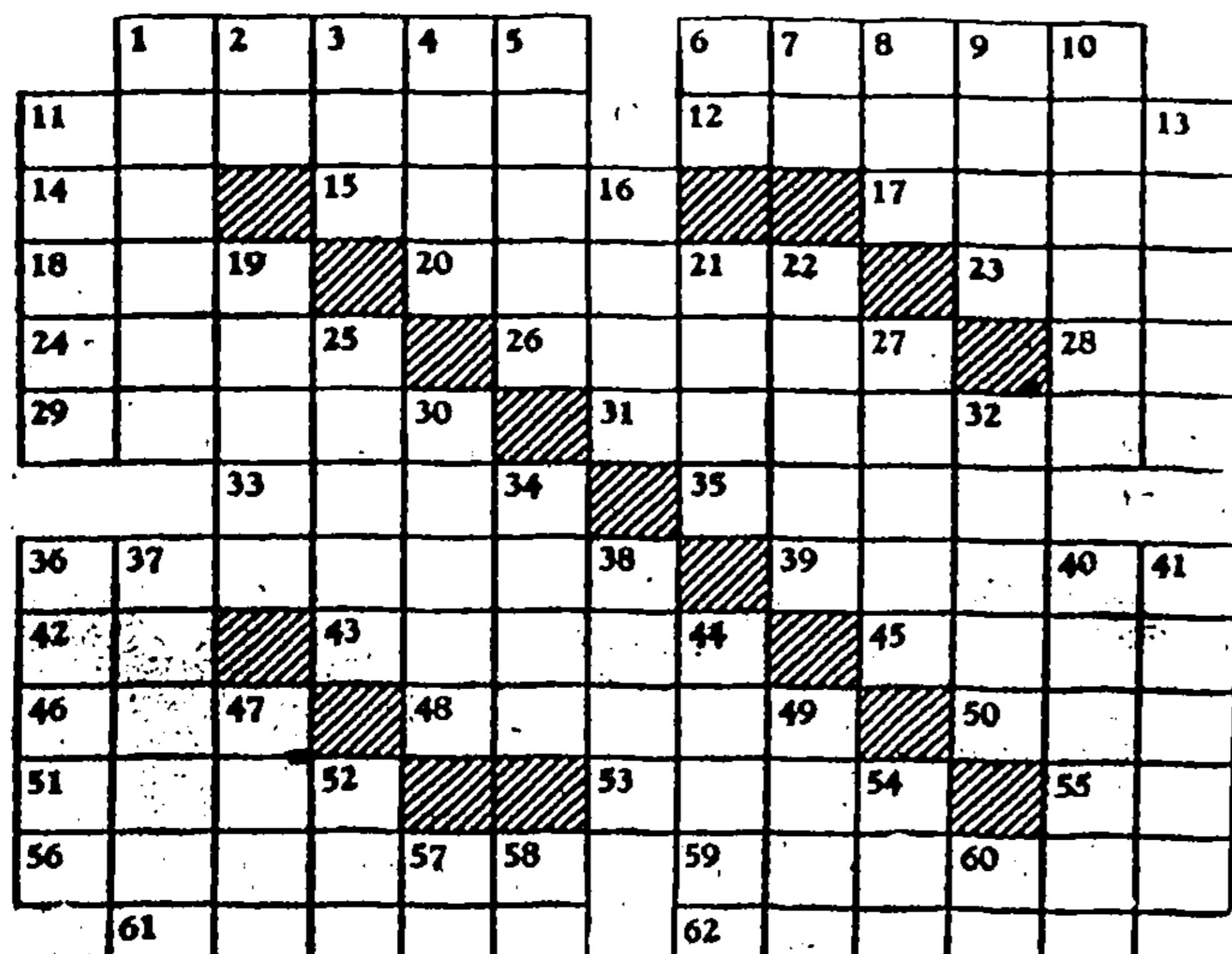
Hazel blushed. "We like doing the work — the Major's so nice!" she said.

"We keep our bikes in good order so that we shan't let the Home Guard down."

"Our youngest girl is Betty Gales. She's twelve and a fine Guide."

The other eight are Joan Phillips, Pat Holloway, Peggy Cowley, Audrey Chambers, Sylvia Hornby, Jean Price, Rosemary Couplan and Barbara Howard.

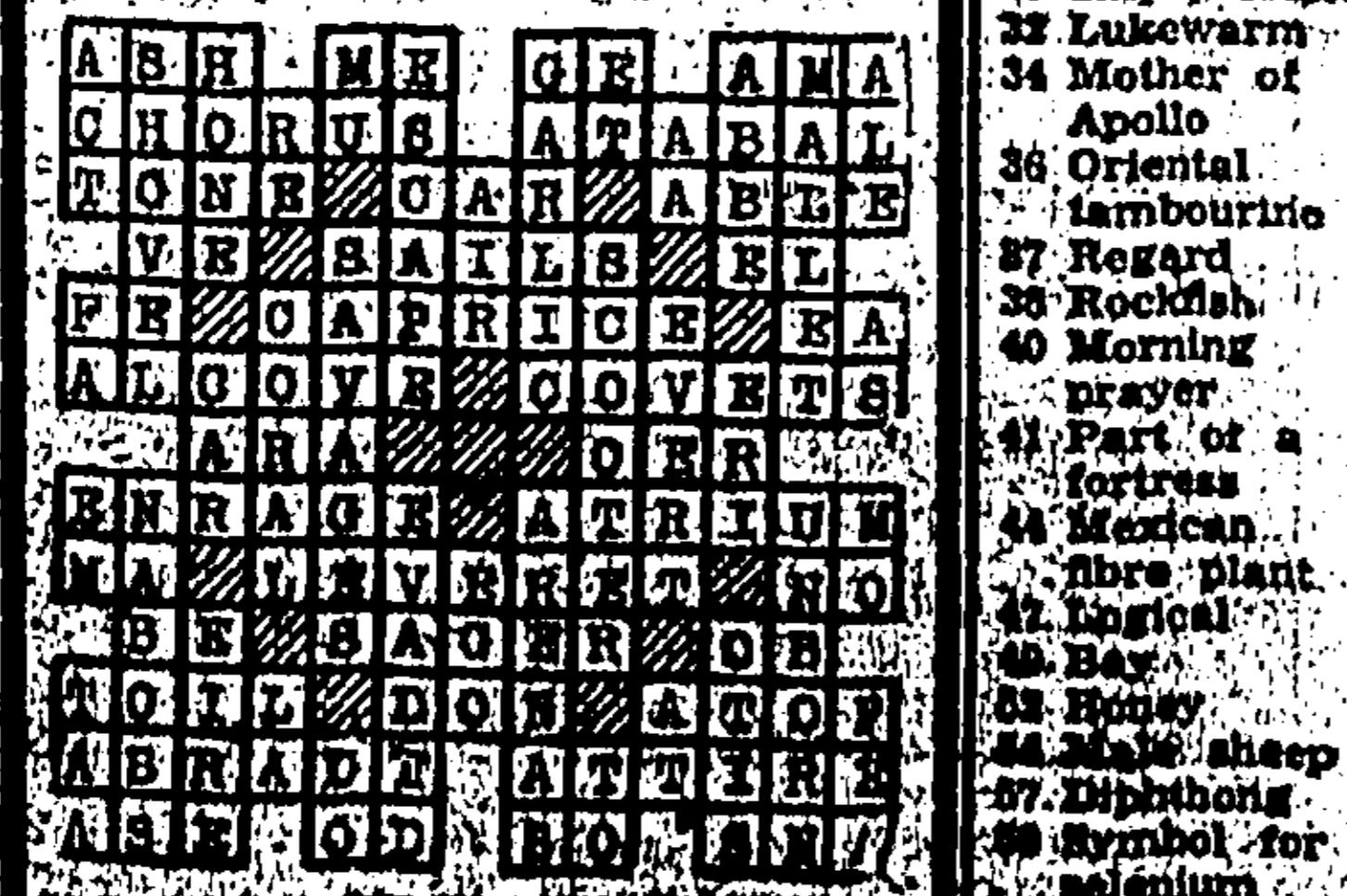
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HORIZONTAL
1. Clamour
6. City in Italy
11. Ceremonious
12. Egyptian god of agriculture
14. Conjunction
15. Meticulous
17. Animal skin
18. Hawaiian bird
20. Dull, pale
23. Time, gone
24. Earth
28. Pauses
29. Land measure
30. Ecclesiastical council
31. Printer's error
33. Russian mountain system
34. To remove
35. To rescue
36. Name
37. Show
38. Dredge
39. Stagnant
40. To do
41. Abrade
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VERTICAL
53. Ancient musical instrument
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59. Burial-place of King Arthur
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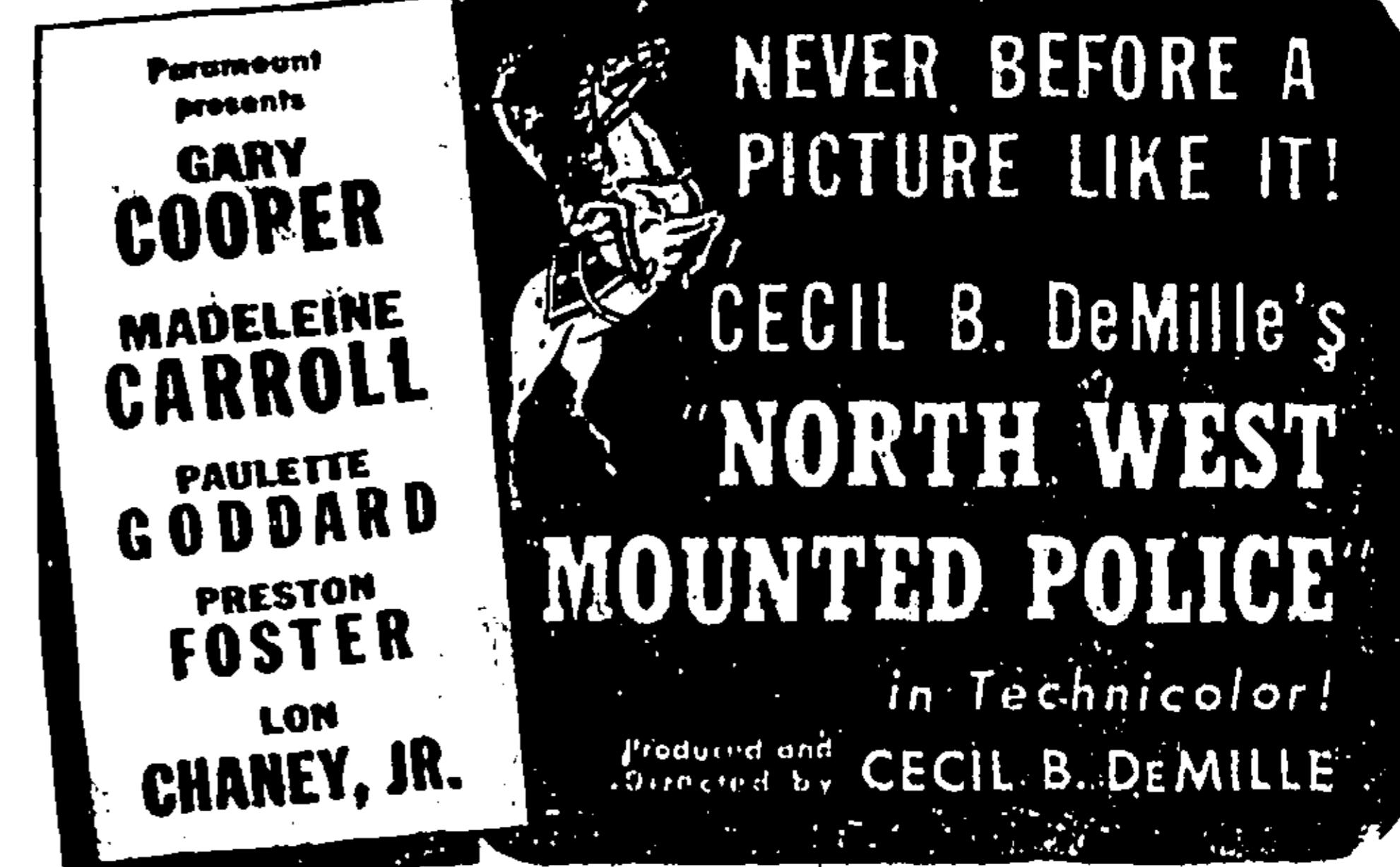
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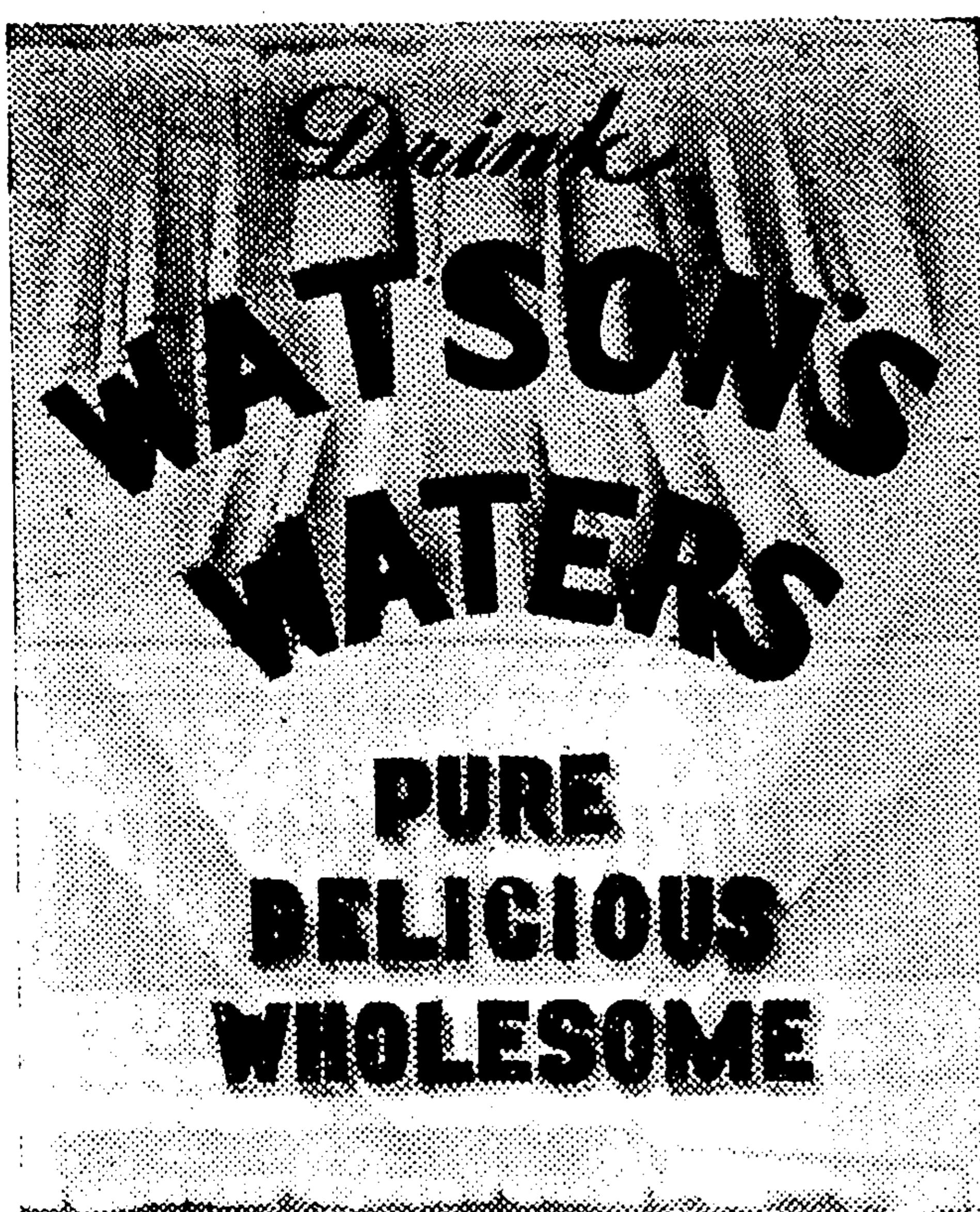
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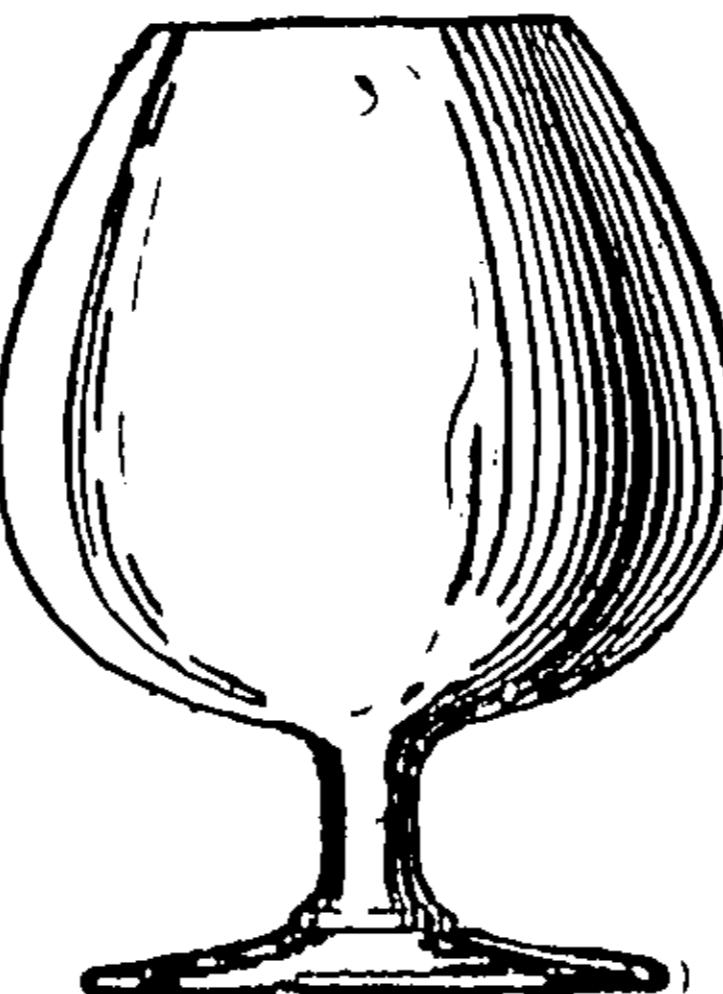
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Royal Drums Call Ethiopians To Action

(By Reuter's Correspondent)

**KHARTOUM'S NIGHTLY BROODING
ETHIOPIAN SKY RESOUNDS TO THE ROLL
OF DRUMS SPELLING OUT A MESSAGE FOR
WHICH THE ETHIOPIANS HAVE BEEN WAIT-
ING FOR FIVE YEARS — THAT THEIR EM-
PEROR IS NEAR AT HAND AND THE MO-
MENT OF DELIVERANCE IS NOT FAR OFF.**

In a special interview granted to me by the Lion of Judah, I learned that the dark-bearded, distinguished Emperor has already made contact with Abyssinian chiefs from the interior.

The last time I saw the Emperor he was disembarking at Haifa five years ago from a British destroyer after his flight from Abyssinia.

Then he was care-worn and dejected.

To-day, he sits on a purple-silk covered wooden throne in his little square palm-fringed palace beside the placid waters of the Blue Nile.

Alert, bright-eyed, he is another being.

In a voice vibrant with confidence, he told me of his plans — that the day is not far distant when he will cross the border and lead the Ethiopian patriot army against the enemy.

Tear Down The Wolf

There was a glint of assurance in his eyes as he exclaimed:

"I will tear down the figure of the wolf erected by the Italians in Addis Ababa square and in its place will reinstate the white marble statue of the Lion of Judah, the original of which they took to Rome."

Selassie is well pleased with the progress of his army's training and added:

"The revolt is making great headway, thanks to the whole-hearted support of the British Government."

"It is the writing on the wall," he said, with sudden energy, "and the days of my former Italian ally who betrayed my country are numbered."

"He built fine roads but killed and enslaved thousands of my people. He failed to break their spirit and I look forward to their liberation and the institution of just, constitutional governments."

Royal War Drums

The Emperor told me that just as Badoglio had done he would personally lead his victorious troops to Addis Ababa mounted on a white horse.

I asked him if it was true that the Royal Crown of the House of Judah was now in Rome.

He said that the crown which Badoglio took to Rome was stolen by the Italians from the Ethiopian church and was not the Emperor's crown.

He went on to explain about the Royal war drums which are nightly beating on the hill-tops of Gollam and along the frontier.

"There are 44, some of which are big, while others are hollowed out from tree trunks covered with cow-hide."

"My chieftains are allowed a maximum of 12 drums each but nine sound a particular signal and when the peculiar note of those drums is heard the people know that I am nearby."

The Message

"The drums are the message of the Emperor to his people and the message of the Emperor to the world."

JAPAN'S NATIONAL DEBT

Japan's national debt in the form of domestic and foreign loan bonds at the end of last year totalled Yen 28,253,200,000, according to an official announcement by the Japanese Ministry of Finance.

These figures indicate an increase by Yen 1,300,000,000 from the total at the end of November and an increase by Yen 6,733,000,000 compared with one year ago. — Reuter.

DEATH OF GENERAL CHU CHING-LAN

The death occurred at Sian yesterday of General Chu Ching-lan, member of the National Relief Commission, at the age of 68.

General Chu, formerly an army commander and an ardent public welfare worker, had undertaken relief work for numerous refugees in various places despite his advanced age since the outbreak of the present Sino-Japanese hostilities. He recently fell ill on account of excessive work and succumbed at the Sian Child Welfare Home. — Central News.

JAPANESE DIES OF WOUNDS

The Japanese civilian named Nishi who was seriously wounded on Sunday by an unidentified gunman in Nanking Road (Shanghai) has died.

He is the 15th Japanese to be shot in Shanghai since last September, although all the other shootings took place in Japanese-controlled areas. — Reuter.

GLoucester Loses Brandy

Brandy, valued at \$502, was stolen from the wine cellar of Gloucester Hotel, between Saturday and yesterday, according to a report made to the Police.



CHINA MAIL
WINDSOR HOUSE

FAMINE OF FACTS

On this question of feeding people in Nazi-controlled countries there seems to be at least as great a shortage of facts as of food.

No one can be untouched by the possibility of famine. But some Americans are charging that agitation which puts pressure on Britain to raise the blockade is the Nazis' best weapon for dividing America and weakening the effort to save democracy. Others declare food is the best propaganda for freedom and that those who oppose the Hoover project are un-Christian monsters. There is a surplus of emotion, a famine of facts.

Here, for instance, are some things that are not known:

1. Whether German—and British—statements that there is food enough are accurate. This appears to depend on whether the Nazis will distribute the total supply, which is believed to be sufficient for the winter. They are known to have shipped large quantities of meats and fats out of occupied countries. There is food in the Balkans—if distributed.

2. Whether the German Army, which is willing to have people in the occupied countries fed, can overrule the Nazi party policy which is said to count on weakening resistance and teaching the hungry that Britain is to blame. In other words, is the prime requisite—a German guarantee—obtainable?

3. Whether the peoples themselves are asking for food. Many of their relatives oppose food shipments and their refugee governments appear to be actively backing the blockade. In the last few days spokesmen for Free France and for the Czechs have opposed the sending of food.

4. Whether feeding peoples under German domination will help them to stand up for freedom or will only save the Nazis the necessity of feeding where they have drafted into their war machine. There appear to be wide political differences of

How Brave Are You?

A GREAT deal of nonsense is talked about bravery by people who know little or nothing about psychology and the workings of the human mind. The civilian usually judges bravery by medals and decorations, and these are not necessarily an accurate guide.

I know a genial scallywag who, one night during the last war, absorbed most of the company's rum ration and then wandered off alone into no-man's-land. His subsequent exploits earned him the V.C., but his pals had to explain to him what all the fuss was about before he discovered he was a hero!

Every soldier in the last war knew that after a successful show, which was probably a walk over, bagsful of decorations were allotted to each battalion and were often shared out indiscriminately. Whereas prodigies of heroism might be performed in a show that was a failure without any one receiving so much as a measly Military Medal. No, medals are not the standard by which the soldier judges bravery.

It's a queer thing, this question of courage. The man who exposes himself recklessly in the front line is not brave, but a plain fool, who is not only throwing his own life away, but is drawing the fire

which may cause needless casualties amongst his comrades.

The country doesn't pay a soldier to get killed, but to stay alive and kill enemies. Yet the man who is the essence of caution and always keeps his head below the parapet will certainly not be thought much of.

You see, the soldier is first and foremost a practical man. His comment on any given action is: "What's the use of it?" Reck-

the adrenal glands to abnormal activity is fear.

Under its influence they greatly increase the secretion of their marvellous fluid, which acts on the body as a supercharger acts on a car. It speeds up mind, nerves and muscles, and enables us to perform feats of strength, agility and quick thinking that are normally far beyond our capacity.

Whether you are a hero or a coward depends on how you use the powers conferred upon you by this rush of adrenalin into the blood stream. If you use them to remove yourself as rapidly as possible to a place of safety you may be showing either reasonable caution or abject cowardice, depending on circumstances. The really brave man will always try to use the stimulus of fear in order to do the best he can for the cause he serves.

It is clear, then, that true bravery demands something more than indifference to personal danger. It needs expert knowledge. The more one knows, the better can one decide what is best to do in any given situation. The man who has mastered a job is unlikely to feel panic if called upon to do it in dangerous circumstances.

Suppose, for instance, a man has to carry a message across a stretch of land that is being

pounded by shells and swept by machine-guns. It is not brave to make a blind dash for it. This would mean that panic had clouded his judgment, and he would almost certainly be knocked out.

The brave man would volunteer for the job, knowing he had a good chance of doing it successfully.

By noting the intervals between shell salvos, by observing exposed pieces of ground and avoiding them, by knowing the approximate position of enemy machine-guns and keeping as clear as possible of their field of fire, by using the speed and energy given to him by the increase of adrenalin in his blood to make swift dashes at favourable moments from one bit of shelter to another, he would probably get through.

A large proportion of what we call bravery is just plain determination. If every man in a battalion is determined to capture a given objective, that position will usually be carried. It was found again and again in the last war that supposedly impregnable positions could be captured by determined troops, whereas far more vulnerable places were successfully held against men who lacked this spirit.

Determination need not involve the element of risk. That is why generals are dubious about battalions which have a large number of men falling out on route marches. They know that if men have insufficient perseverance to carry them through a twenty-mile tramp in spite of fatigue, they will not be likely to force their way forward until they get within bayonet thrust of the enemy.

Then again, there is the question of ruthlessness. I doubt whether a really brave man could be consistently soft-hearted and unselfish. It is not merely a matter of being able to ignore the danger of personal mutilation or death. In war one becomes curiously indifferent to such things. It requires far more bravery to order men one likes to do a job that will mean almost certain death, while one stops behind in comparative safety.

A pilot who would go joyously into an aerial scrap against impossible odds would go almost crazy when, promoted to a senior position, he could only wait helplessly at the aerodrome and issue orders to others to do the dirty work.

Perhaps the most important attribute of bravery is self-control.

Staying in a spot because you have been ordered to stop there.

Looking cheerful and confident when you wish you were a thousand miles away.

Keeping your limbs steady when your knees want to do a tap dance.

Not that the outward signs of fear would matter much if you were alone. They are mostly simple physical reactions which would be almost exactly duplicated if a doctor gave you an injection of adrenalin, and have little to do with the way you personally would behave.

But because fear can so easily develop into panic, and panic is communicated mainly by instinctive mimicry, it is vitally important to avoid giving way to open symptoms of fear.

That is why an officer will, in a desperate emergency, shoot a man who tries to bolt. Not that the fellow would not be a good ride if he were allowed to run till he dropped. It is the example of fear that is dangerous and unless it were instantly checked it would be copied first by one man and then by another until all were on the run.

Those, then, are the ingredients of bravery—knowledge, determination, ruthlessness, and self-control. Ruthlessness is the only one that may be distasteful, and it can often be dispensed with, as it is only essential to those who aspire to leadership. All the others are perfectly capable of being cultivated by any intelligent person.

So if any one asks how brave you are, you can confidently reply that you can train yourself to be brave and not be nervous.

By Humphrey Hume

lessness can sometimes be essential. It may save a man's life, or gain invaluable information, or save precious time.

The difference usually is that the reckless fool performs his antics with a self-conscious swagger, while the brave man does them as though they were the normal and obvious thing to do.

Bravery isn't a matter of what you feel like inside. The man who says he never feels afraid is either a liar or insane. Fear is an enormously powerful emotion implanted in us by Nature for the purpose of preserving our lives. The only thing that will stimulate

Goals For 'New Order'

By Peter Lyne

With the British Government statement on war aims and peace aims expected shortly, individual Cabinet Ministers appear to have been preparing the way for an official pronouncement with more precise definition of their own versions of the new order to come after the war in which the ideal of social security for all the people has been the keynote.

Undoubtedly Reichsfuehrer Hitler's latest appeal to the working people that his new order will end the privileged position of the plutocrats in the democracies has helped to prompt replies from responsible democratic quarters. But actually the British Cabinet had already started to modify its stand against a statement on war aims before Herr Hitler spoke.

The Cabinet is understood already to have given some time to a discussion of the aims issue and it is significant that the three Labour members of the Inner War Cabinet, Mr. Herbert Morrison, Mr. Ernest Bevin, and Mr. Arthur

Greenwood have felt themselves free to give more than a hint of the kind of new world they seek.

Approach To Specifications

Their speeches have contrasted with the more cautious generalities of previous government spokesmen whose remarks were regulated by the view that the Government has hitherto adhered to that the first and almost the only aim worthy of full attention in the present state of the struggle is to achieve victory and remove Nazism, the obstacle to any just and happy order for Europe and the world.

It is emphasised in well-informed circles that while the forthcoming Government declaration on aims can be expected to go some way beyond previous official statements, it is even so unlikely to extend further than an outline of the broad principles upon which will be based Britain's policy for the rest of the war and afterward.

Individual Ministers are understood to have submitted memoranda on the subject and account is being taken of the views of representatives of the Dominions and the foreign governments now functioning in Britain.

Economic Tasks Faced

All three Labour Ministers dwell on the heavy social and economic tasks which will have to be faced after the war and insisted therefore on the absolute necessity of holding out the goal of social security to all those people now straining under the immense burden of war.

Bluntly, Mr. Morrison at Dorchester Hotel told the gathering of mostly well-to-do people, including a large number of business men, that Britain will have to plan its postwar economic life on a more "cooperative and less exorbitant basis than at present."

He urged that the conditions of wartime now being more willing

ly by the rich must be continued in peace. One lunch guest was heard to groan, "That means no return to the normal income tax."

But another guest, Lord Nuffield, was heard to say afterward to the chairman of the lunch, Lord Nathan, "I agree with every word of Morrison's speech—and I am a millionaire."

Poverty And Idleness Banned

Mr. Greenwood looked forward to building after war "a broader freedom and new opportunities for advance."

There is undoubtedly a still strong controversy over the question of a statement of war aims and peace aims, but clearly the Government is now more inclined to recognise that, even if a precise plan for the future cannot possibly be evolved yet, there are many good reasons for making a more definite pronouncement than hitherto that Britain is fighting not just for democracy, which it is admitted was full of shortcomings, but rather for democratic progress—progress in which shortcomings, notably in economic and social inequalities, will be remedied or at all events the sincerest efforts will be made to remedy them.

Great Contrasts To Go

Further evidence of how responsible quarters in Britain recognise that there will be no return to the spacious easy days of old, with their contrast of great wealth and dire poverty, is seen in the concluding sentences of the radio address to the United States by Mr. Ronald Cross, Minister of Shipping:

"We seek no conquest, we seek no gain," he said. "Our war is a war of sacrifice; we shall end it poorer in wealth, mourning our dead, looking back in misery and suffering, but these are the right sacrifices for our goal is to restore the natural human right to live free men."



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HOSTILITY OF SUDANESE TO ITALIANS

(From A Special Correspondent)

THINGS ARE NOT going so well for the Italians in Kassala, the only Sudanese centre of any importance in their hands, where they have been sitting since its capture at the beginning of July. The inhabitants, despite attempts to placate them, remain obstinately loyal to Britain.

The chief reason which must make the Italians wish they had never taken the place is the food situation. Before the war Kassala, which subsisted mainly on trading, imported 750 tons of grain a month from elsewhere in the Sudan. After the capture the Italians hoped the local Sudanese would smuggle grain in through the British lines, but the utmost they have got is a few donkey loads.

They are now forced to import grain into Kassala themselves in large quantities from Eritrea to save the inhabitants from starving; and Italian East Africa itself before the war was importing 1,000 tons of grain a month from Sudan and wanted much more.

The Italians, in an endeavour to turn against Britain the people living in the Kassala area, proclaimed that no taxes would be payable for two years.

This had not the slightest effect, for when our tax collectors appeared and declared that this was not so, the inhabitants replied: "Of course not; naturally we want to pay our taxes" — a supreme and practical test of their loyalty.

Insult On Label

One piece of tactlessness with which the Italians outraged Kassala feelings was the putting on sale in the town's cafes of beer from a Udina brewery whose label represents two coloured boxers raising tankards.

The boxers' negro features are grossly caricatured, and Kassalans, who, being Moslems, do not drink, felt resentfully that the label showed what the conquerors think of them.

One of Kassala's most sacred places is the mosque, with its ruined dome, in the holy village of Khartoum at the foot of Jebel Kassala. The dome was smashed 50 years ago in a religious war and was deliberately left in ruins by the Kassalans as a memorial.

As soon as the Italians entered they bitterly offended the inhabitants by grandiloquently announcing the rebuilding of the dome "left unrepaired by British negligence." They made things even worse when the R. A. F. raids started by using the edifice as a refuge for their troops.

Commander Replaced

The present commander of the Italian garrison, a tough soldier, sits in the front door contemptuously spitting while raiders are overhead. Not many troops share his imperturbability. During the August raids the then commander urgently cabled to Addis Ababa saying he could not undertake to hold the town if the raids continued. He was replaced, while the Italian Civil Governor broke down.

The invaders completely failed to get money accepted and were forced to withdraw the order by which Sudanese currency was unacceptable after the end of the year.

The lira, officially fixed as equaling the piastre on occupation, now only fetches half a piastre.

With the end of the rains the Italians will be lucky if they can avoid disease. In the garrison there is absolutely no sanitary provision for their native troops.

Only two of 100 or more wells in the town are covered over and piped. The remainder, which are not deep, will soon, through the dust storms for which the town is noted, be filled with every kind of impurity.

RESEARCH AIDS WAR

"Science has advanced more in one year of war than in a decade of peace," declared Cambridge professor of physics, W. L. Bragg, in a broadcast address.

"Scientists are solving war-time problems at an incredible rate," he said.

"The best German technicians were conscripted for war work many years ago, but Britain's scientists were quite unorganised at the outbreak of war.

"Now, the country's 10,000 researchers are all registered, including 160 chemists, 100 physicists, 500 mathematicians, 700 zoologists, and 1,500 medical researchers.

"Scientists are improving electrical devices, particularly radio, and discovering how to put out of action time fuses and booby traps.

"They are analysing the secret of captured enemy instruments, working on airwar problems, and seeking an alternative motive power for transport."

LIFE POSER FOR LORDS

Seven law lords sat in the House of Lords trying to decide how much life is worth and how much more of it one can expect to see at any given age.

They were hearing an appeal concerning an award of £1,200 damages in respect of the death of a boy of two and a half years. Mr. Justice Asquith's judgment, making this award, had been upheld in the Court of Appeal by a two to one majority.

The damages had been awarded to Mr. Wallace A. Gambling, of Rowancottages, Charlton, Hants, against Mr. Henry Frederick Benham of Brokenford Lane, Totton, Southampton, in whose car the boy was a passenger.

Mr. N. L. C. Macaskie, K. C., for the motorist, said the first question raised by the appeal was on what principle the Courts should award damages for loss of expectation of life.

He said the Judge was informed that the normal expectation of life of a child at birth was fifty-eight years; a child of two had an expectation of life of fifty-five years.

Mr. Macaskie mentioned a case in which Mr. Justice Acton included in the amount of £4,000 awarded to a man of seventy a considerable sum for the expectation of shortening of his life.

Mr. Macaskie said that Lord Justice Mackinnon, in the Court of Appeal in the present case, said the legislature had imposed upon Justice the most impossible task that had ever been imposed upon any judge.

The hearing was adjourned.

OFFICIAL BRIBERY ALLEGED

Allegations of bribery and corruption against a Ministry of Labour official is the subject of a special investigation by senior detectives of Scotland Yard.

Many statements have been taken in various parts of London, and it is understood the result of their inquiries has been submitted in a detailed report to the Director of Public Prosecutions.

LIFT BAN ON SILK STOCKINGS

A conference of all silk interests to discuss the Government ban on silk stockings and other silk hosiery has been called for at Leiston.

Manufacturers allege that the ban is unreasonable and illogical and huge stocks which cannot be delivered will be left on their hands.

These stocks, they say, have been built up in readiness for delivery on the date the ban comes into force.

Under the limitation of supplies, order the quota for the year has been fixed for hosiery of all descriptions and practically all the stockings within the quota total have been delivered.

The stocks of stockings which have been "frozen" by the Government ban are stated to run into many millions of pairs.

Export Slump

There are also huge stocks of seamless silk hose, and manufacturers of this type of stocking hold large stocks of yarn.

Manufacturers have been told that they must divert stocks to export trade which, however, is negligible.

The conference will urge the Board of Trade to extend the time for which all stocks can be cleared.

An official of the Board of Trade explained: "It applies to all sorts of pure silk wear, men's as well as women's garments." Underwear and ties are all included.

U.S. NAVY'S FAST 'PLANE

THE UNITED STATES NAVY HAS DEVELOPED A 400 M.P.H. FIGHTER 'PLANE — THE FASTEST IN THE WORLD — WITH A RADIAL AIR-COOLED ENGINE, STATES THE "NEW YORK HERALD-TRIBUNE."

This has confounded experts of the Army Air Corps, who had pinned their faith to streamlined liquid-cooled engines similar to the Spitfires used by the "Herald-Tribune."

The authorities in states are now worried over whether they should continue with the production of the present models, and thus put an Air Force possibly unable to compete with the Navy in Europe, or whether to let the Navy

A MILLIONAIRE'S COTTAGE DEATH: "END AS BEGAN"

BORN 81 YEARS AGO in a cottage, Lord Vestey, millionaire meat and shipping king, wanted to die in a cottage — and did so.

With his wife, he rented a small cottage in Buckinghamshire, in which he died after a heart attack.

"I don't want a big house," Lord Vestey, whose vast interests extended to Australia, told the estate agent. "I was born in a little house, and I want to die in a little house. All I want is a small room where I can be happy and comfortable."

He was a sprightly little man, and seemed always to wear the same unostentatious dark suit.

He had a white beard, which he kept carefully trimmed.

Just before leaving the local hotel where he stayed before taking the cottage, the licensee told him he was short of eggs.

Lord Vestey recommended a brand of egg mixture which the licensee agreed to try.

"Take £5 worth; it's my own mixture," said the magnate.

Later, he said: "That's the first deal I have done in 11 years. Certainly I buy and sell shares, and might make a few thousand pounds — or lose it — but this is different, because I have sold £5 worth of my own stuff."

Brilliant Brothers

Lord Vestey and his brother, Sir Edmund Vestey, who is also a meat and shipping magnate, were the sons of a Liverpool provision merchant who sent them to America to try their luck.

He paid their fares, then left them to rely on their own brains and energy.

Edmund went to Chicago and Lord Vestey to Buenos Aires, where he found thousands of pheasants for sale but no local demand.

This started him in the refrigeration business. He had the birds frozen and shipped them to Liverpool, where he built cold stores.

This was the beginning of the great Union Cold Storage Company.

The brothers, who formed one of the keenest working partnerships Britain has ever known, held joint interests worth more than £6,000,000.

Lord Vestey's widow was formerly a clerk in the Chicago branch of the Vestey Company, and once temporarily replaced Lord Vestey as private secretary.

Later she took charge of the branch, then married Lord Vestey.

BIRCH FOR BANK ROBBERS

Two men were ordered at Dorset Assizes to receive twenty-five strokes of the birch each for taking part in a bank robbery.

One of the men — Frederick James Ralph, aged forty, clerk — was also sentenced to four years' penal servitude, and the other — James Kyle, aged forty-one, cook — to three years.

Mr. J. L. Pratt, prosecuting, said the men hired a car and robbed a Bournemouth bank of £184 10s. during the lunch hour.

They were challenged by a bank clerk, Mr. Foster, and Kyle struck him with a glove in which a piece of lead wrapped in fur was hidden.

Passing sentence, Mr. Justice Wrottesley said the men hired the car obviously for a quick getaway. Such get-aways were almost always attended by danger to innocent human lives.

What was worse about the crime was that the men had a deadly weapon hidden in a glove.

POPEYE IN CRYPT

Meet the Brown family. "I am the stage manager and M.C.," Mr. Walter Brown, aircraft worker, told a London reporter.

He was in the crypt of a Bristol church, and German planes were overhead. The crypt is a communal shelter for working people, and in part of it about fifty children were shrieking with laughter at the film adventures of Popeye.

"This is my Denis," said Mr. Brown, extricating a small boy aged three in pyjamas and dressing gown from the front row.

"I like air raids," said young Denis, solemnly. "It means I can see Popeye before I go to bed."

"Band!" shouted Mr. Brown, and reached for his drums. "This is my Herbert," he added. "He is the accordion player."

"I like air raids," said Herbert, aged ten. "We have a pretty good band here, and I am the only boy in it."

"Meet my youngest," said Mr. Brown proudly, and the singers parted to reveal Colin Brown, aged three weeks, asleep on his mother's knee.

"It is pretty good down here," said Mrs. Brown. "Colin sleeps all night, and I can have a bit of fun and see the films just the same."

Mr. W. Bishop, who puts on the free film show twice a week said: "The trouble is we are only working people, so we can't afford many films. We take a collection among ourselves to hire some for the children."

'SECRET' SESSION 'REPORT'

Sentence of eighteen months imprisonment in the Second Division was passed at the Old Bailey on Roy Leonard Townsend Day, a twenty-seven-year-old clerk, who was found guilty of publishing a report of, or purporting to describe a secret session of Parliament, and of communicating information which might be directly or indirectly useful to an enemy.

Day, who was stated to be a conscientious objector, was found not guilty of doing an act with intent to assist an enemy.

It was stated that Day published a pamphlet called "Uncensored British News Bulletin," giving the wavelength and times of the radiation of a "new British broadcasting station" in Germany, and details of air raid damage.

In a statement he said: "It has never been my intention to do anything which would injure my country."

TYPHOID IN WEST GERMANY

Reports of a severe typhoid epidemic in Western Germany are confirmed by an official letter from a hospital director received by the New York relatives of a woman who died in Saxony.

The letter, states the New York "Daily Post," explained that the body had to be burned because the hospital had innumerable typhoid cases. The paper adds that the censor passed the letter presumably because it was official.

400 DIE: KRUPPS BOMBED

An R.A.F. bomb on Krupps armament factory at Essen penetrated a shelter under the works killing 400 employees and injuring 1800.

This is reported by a British United Press correspondent on the German frontier.

He also states that a recent bomb broke a watermain in Berlin and simultaneously blocked an air raid shelter.

This became flooded, drowning 700 people.

"I am assured," says the correspondent, "that these reports are authentic."

"They certainly are widely believed in Germany, where the facts regarding R.A.F. raids are spreading slowly throughout the population."

"This enlightenment is taking place despite speedy repairs which hide much of the bomb damage, and the absence of casualty lists."

STRANGE DISEASE IN OSAKA

The source of the strange illness which has already taken the lives of five residents of Osaka has been traced to poison gas, according to an announcement made by the health and sanitation officials of the Osaka Prefectural Office, says the "Japan Times and Advertiser."

The mysterious illness, which has caused worry to many a physician, first made its appearance during the first week of December. Since then several health officials, in collaboration with the authorities of the Osaka Imperial University hospital, have tracked down the source to the 260 tons of iron alloy stored in the warehouse of the Kimura Trading Company.

However, the real cause still remained uncertain, although all medical minds agreed that it was due to some sort of poison gas — possibly cyanide fumes.

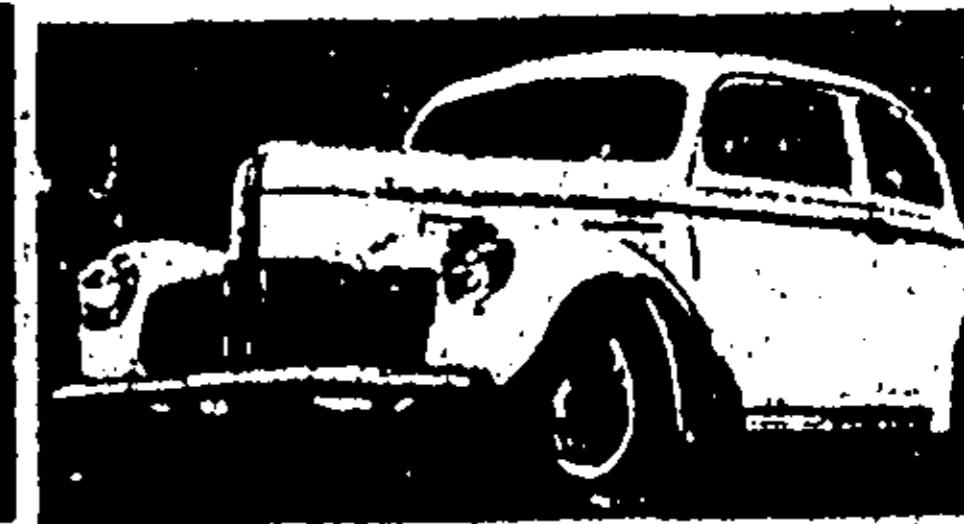
The Osaka prefectural officials have solved the puzzle by claiming that the cause of the illness is a gas which is produced when a phosphorous compound comes in contact with and is dissolved either by water or acid in a damp place.

It still remains to be seen whether the pile of iron alloy is itself responsible for the disease, that is whether it is the source of the lethal gas or not.

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West opened the ten of diamonds, South winning with the Jack. Declarer cashed the Ace of clubs and next led the Jack. When West dropped the nine, Dummy's Queen was played, and East won with the club King. East returned his diamond, and now South found unexpected trouble.

If he won this trick in his own hand and tried to establish a spade trick, West would win with the spade Ace and lead a third diamond. If South won that trick, too, he would never get to dummy to cash the good clubs; and if he won it in dummy, he would never get to his own hand to cash the established spade.

There seemed to be a better chance to make the hand if he won the second round of diamonds in the dummy, so he overtook the diamond Queen with dummy's diamond Ace and ran dummy's good clubs. When the last club was led, South had to reduce to five cards! the King and Queen of spades, the King of diamonds, and the Jack-ten of hearts. Unfortunately, however, East had saved four hearts and a spade; while West had kept two diamonds, two spades, and a heart.



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Dieting Dot says if it weren't for split seams she'd cast aside all dietary rules to the wind until after the holidays.

After the last club, dummy led a spade, and West took the spade Ace and returned a heart. And that heart lead allowed East to take the rest of the tricks!

* * *

Yesterday you were Merwin Maier's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ J 7 ♥ Q 8 5
♥ K 10 8 6 ♦ K 10 8 7

The bidding: Maier Schenken You Jacoby
1♣ Pass (?)

ANSWER: Bid one no-trump. You have more than enough for this response, but not enough strength to bid either minor suit. Score 100% for one no-trump, 30% for two clubs or two diamonds.

Question No. 613

To-day you hold the same hand, and the bidding continues:

Maier Schenken You Jacoby
1♣ Pass 1NT Pass

2♥ Pass (?)

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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GIRL SHOT BY JEALOUS SOLDIER

— Crown Charge

A soldier's jealousy was claimed by the Crown to have led to the alleged shooting by him of his sweetheart when he was charged with murder.

Driver Edward George Beesley, twenty-nine, of the R.A.S.C., whose home is a Charles Street, Oxford, was accused at Oxford Assizes of the murder of his sweetheart, Irene Sherry, a twenty-year-old domestic servant.

The girl was found shot at her lodgings in Oxford on the night of September 16. Beesley, who appeared in dock in battle dress, pleaded not guilty.

Mr. H. H. Maddocks, for the Crown, said there was no doubt that Beesley was desperately fond of Sherry. There was no doubt, either, that he shot the girl through the heart with a rifle at close range.

The motive for the crime was undoubtedly jealousy.

Mrs. Payne, the girl's landlady, described how Beesley came to her home with a rifle and, on being told that the girl was not at home, returned later and was allowed to sit in the girl's room.

Mrs. Payne said she heard Sherry go upstairs. Then came a noise like something falling out of the window. The front door was slammed, and on witness going to Sherry's room, she found her dead in a chair.

"May Best Man Win"

Police-Constable Swann said that in the girl's room was a handbag, and among the contents was a letter. In a wallet were six letters.

Mr. Maddock said the letters showed that Corporal James Fuller was in love with Miss Sherry.

An extract was read from a letter in which Corporal Fuller wrote:

"I feel sorry for the chap who's breaking his heart over you. Still, it breaks my heart when I cannot meet you at all. Let's hope the best man wins. I think you and I were made for each other."

The clerk read letters written by Beesley to the girl. One extract was: "It is my bad fortune to have to love you, then my whole future is blank."

Driver Cripps, of the R.A.S.C., said he was at Dunkirk with Beesley. If no letters came from Miss Sherry Beesley often sobbed his heart out.

Beesley and Miss Sherry were going to be married and witness was to be best man, but the wedding did not take place as Miss Sherry refused.



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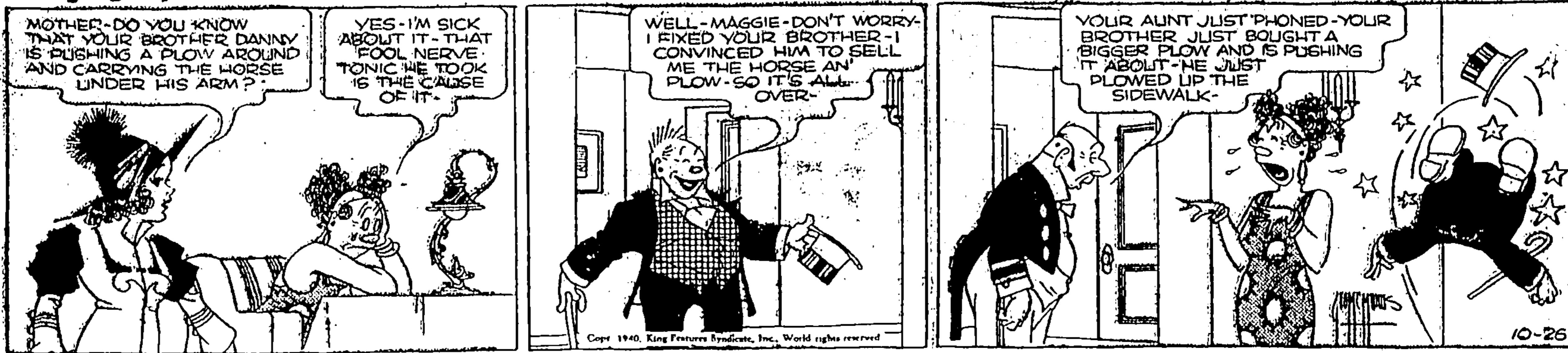
"I'm sorry, miss, and I DO MEAN SORRY — but I'm holding this seat for my wife!"

Here's Luck

EWO BEER

THE 303

Bringing Up Father



A PAGE FOR WOMEN

There's nothing like SOUP to make you feel cozy inside

says Dorothy Greig

Of all the pleasant foods in the world, there are few that give such comforting glow as hot savory soup. It makes you feel "all cozy inside," as a friend of mine expresses it.

And this is true whether you eat a thick, hearty soup or a



Chicken and Cream of Mushroom Soup wins compliments for any hostess.

thin elegant one, a fancy soup or a plain one, a soup that is almost a stew or one that is smooth as cream. Any soup makes you feel good.

There is such variety to be had in soups these days that it is fun to experiment and try different flavors. For instance, we all enjoy such well known favorites as tomato, chicken, vegetable and cream of mushroom but have you ever tried mock turtle, pepper pot or oxtail?

Then there is the new idea of combining one soup with another which opens up a whole new range of delicious flavors. For instance, here is one you will like. It is not a heavy soup, nor yet a thin soup, just a happy in-between medium that goes with any type of meal:

Chicken and Cream of Mushroom Soup

1 can condensed chicken soup
1 can condensed cream of mushroom soup
1 can water

Empty the cream of mushroom soup into a saucepan and stir it well. Then add the chicken soup, 4-6.

a little at a time, stirring constantly. This keeps the soup mixture smooth. Fill an empty soup can with cold water and stir this into the soup mixture slowly. Heat to the boiling point and serve. Serves 4-6.

Sometime when you want to serve soup as the main course in a meal, for lunch maybe or for supper, try this deeply satisfying soup:

Cream of Mushroom and Pea Soup

1 can condensed cream of mushroom soup
1 can condensed pea soup
1 can milk (using soup can for measure)
1 can water

Combine the soups. Then add water and milk and heat, but do not boil. Serves 6-7.

And now here is a gay soup that combines two famous favorites:

Cream of Tomato and Chicken Soup

1 can condensed chicken soup
1/2 can condensed tomato soup
1 can milk (using soup can for measure)

Combine the soups. Add the milk and heat, but do not boil. Serves 4-6.

Surprise Meat Pie
—and watch it keep 'em passing back for more!

by Dorothy Greig

GUESTS usually look politely baffled when this pie arrives on the table as the meat course. You see, the pie is not a deep dish affair filled with chunks of meat. It is flat two-crust pie, like an apple pie. When cut into smoking hot



and fresh from the oven, each wedge shows brown and crumbly and glistening.

The secret of its flatness is ground meat. This is cannily seasoned with onion and condensed tomato soup, and topped by a crust rich, short and flaky as you can make it.

Cauliflower, broccoli, carrots or peas are suggested as suitable vegetables to serve with it.

The pie is put together this way:

4 tablespoons minced onion
1 pound ground beef
1 can condensed tomato soup
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon pepper
1 tablespoon butter
Pie pastry for two-crust pie

Cook the onions in a little butter until soft. Add the ground beef and cook until barely brown. Blend in the soup. Sprinkle with the salt and pepper and mix. Line a nine inch pie plate with short pastry, rolled $\frac{1}{8}$ inch thick. Moisten the edges of the crust with cold water. Fill the pie shell with the meat mixture. Cover with the top crust, prick top, brush with melted butter, and bake in a 375° oven for 1 hour, or bake in a hot oven (450°) for 15 minutes and then decrease heat to 350° , and bake 15 minutes longer.

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But you can make things easier for him and for yourself if you see that the mouth is kept in apple-pie order.

"Now" is the operative word of this advice, because we can't afford not to be "on top" in physical condition this winter. And nothing undermines the health—and looks—more quickly than unhealthy teeth.

Sallowness, rheumatism, head-aches, rheuritis, biliousness and appendicitis are some of the disorders which have been traced to teeth.

To begin with, it's a good plan to check up on your brushwork. Make sure that it really is keeping your teeth clean.

First, use a downward movement from gums to chewing surface, then across teeth and gums from side to side. Also brush the



tween cheeks and gums. This is to absorb the saliva.

Now take an orange-stick, wrap a piece of cottonwool round it, and saturate it with a tonic, antiseptic and stimulating lotion. Swab the gums well with it.

Wait for a few seconds, then remove pads of cottonwool, and repeat the treatment with fresh pads on the upper jaw. If the gums are not in very good condition this should be done every other day. Twice a month is enough if they are healthy.

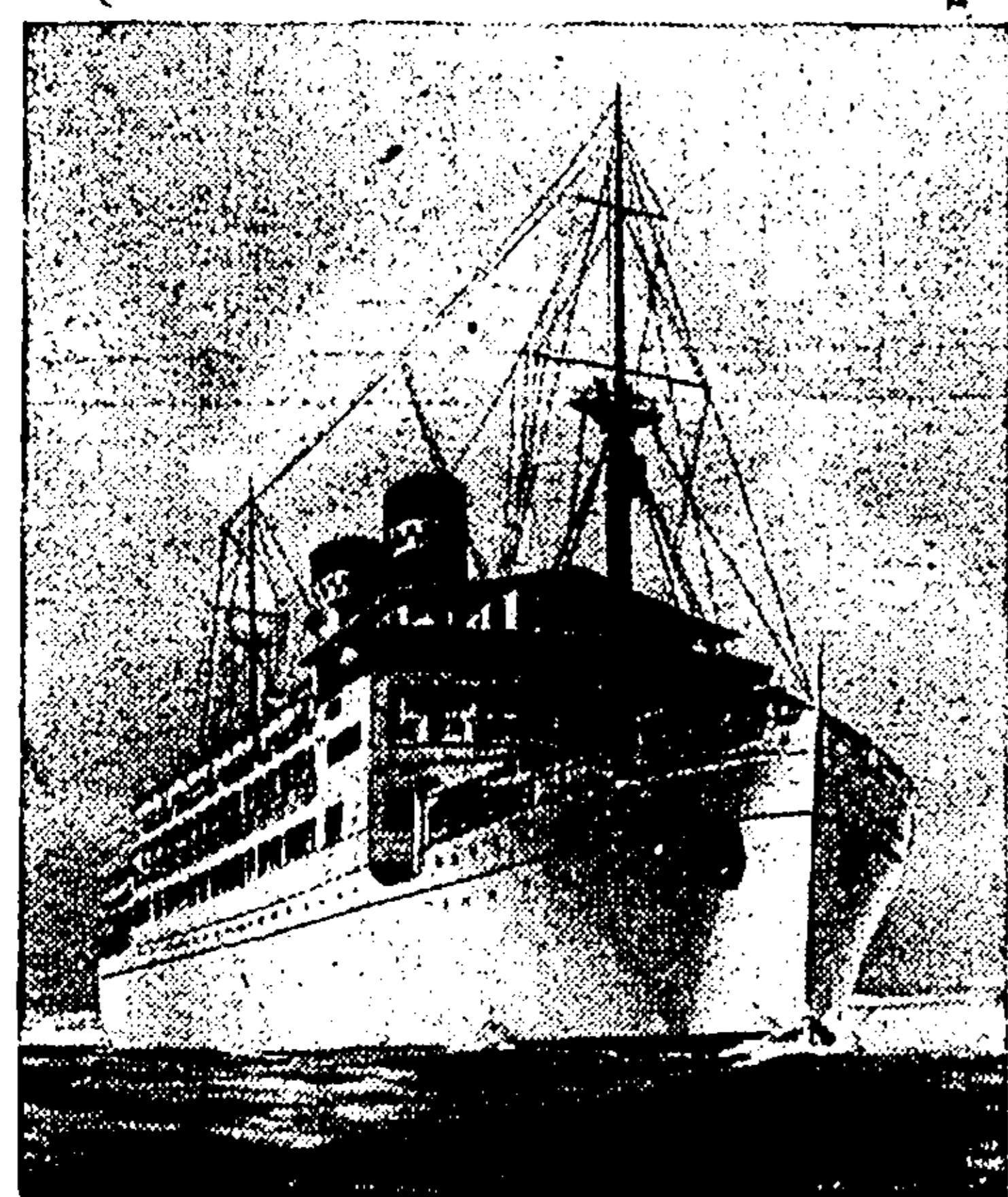
Crisp toast, apples and celery—all foods which exercise teeth and gums should be added to the diet. Apples are particularly important, because they neutralise mouth acids as well as giving the teeth a clean and polish.

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ON "BEAT" IN WAR COCKPIT

Varied Duties of A Kent P. C.

"Your policemen are wonderful" can justifiably be said by any visitor to Kent who has had the opportunity of observing, as I have, the work of the Kent Constabulary in the countryside during the aerial blitzkrieg, writes a correspondent.

I know one constable, a Londoner, whose beat takes in four parishes many miles in extent. It has been in the very "Cockpit of England" since the air blitzkrieg began. On its fields have fallen a score of Nazi bombers and Messerschmidt fighters. And this Cockney P.C. has been "in the death" of every one of them.

When he sees a Nazi aircraft begin its headlong plunge to destruction after a battle with a Hurricane or a Spitfire, off he races on his motorcycle and with uncanny accuracy "ferrets" his way through the maze of Kentish lanes to reach the spot and make prisoners of any survivors.

In his kitchen "headquarters" this constable and his young wife regularly "entertain" any number from one to four Nazi airmen until the military arrive to take them over.

Typical of dozens of P.C. colleagues throughout this Kentish battlefield, it is his pride always to be first — or at least among the first — on the spot when a bomber or airman falls. And he has never failed.

Hundreds of bombs have been dropped on his beat, and damage and casualties have to be reported.

Many of the men of the Kentish Country Constabulary have not worn civilian clothes or had an hour's leave for a month.

BRITISH CHILDREN AT HOME IN CANADA

THE BRITISH CHILDREN who have been evacuated to Canada are rapidly becoming accustomed to the Canadian way of life and customs. Most of them are in homes where there are other children of about the same age.

They are being dressed the same way, eat the same food, go to the same schools, play the same games and talk about the same things as their foster-brothers and sisters.

They have learned to play baseball, Canadian children's favourite summer game, and are looking forward to learning how to ski in the winter.

Already some of the children who came to Canada early this summer cannot be distinguished from Canadian children except when they talk, when their English accent easily gives them away.

The British children at first had some difficulty with the slang expressions of the Canadians, but are now becoming almost as expert in using them as the Canadian children are. They no longer say "those boys," but "those guys." They do not say "I don't believe you" when they doubt anything. They say "boloney!"

The homes and children are subject to periodic inspection by the authorities. Actually, however, the homes have been so carefully investigated beforehand that little practical necessity for these inspections exists. There have been no cases as yet of any children having landed into undesirable surroundings.

The welfare of the children brought to Canada privately is entirely in the hands of the families who have taken them in, and there is no Government supervision over them.

Many of the children arrived during the summer and have been more fortunate than those who arrived later in that they have been able to gradually acclimatise themselves to the Canadian weather, now growing colder as winter.

ter approaches. Many spent the summer in the country and are as tanned as nuts.

Few Federal projects that have ever been discontinued have occasioned the widespread disappointment that has been manifested from coast to coast in Canada over the sudden cessation of the influx of British children owing to the dangers of ocean travel.

Out of well in excess of 100,000 offers of homes for little British evacuees, Government officials state, the supply of children has been sufficient to actually accept less than 7,500.

Of this total, only between 1,500 and 1,600 have reached the Dominion under the auspices of the United Kingdom and Canada. The balance have arrived as a result of private arrangements between their parents and individual Canadian families.

It is characteristic of the spirit that has enveloped the whole movement that the young evacuees, even in the official language used in Government administration, are referred to as "guest children," not as refugees.

SAVED WOMAN FROM INFERNO

Nearly blinded by bomb splinters that had injured his face, forty-year-old David Bissett, a Scottish labourer, crawled on his hands and knees through the gas-filled ruins of a canteen in a bombed Midland factory, and rescued waitress who lay unconscious and blinded for life by the blast.

Struggling for breath and almost unable to see, he carried her downstairs, passing many dead and injured, and stumbled with her 150 yards across a field to the bungalow where she lived.

He laid her on a couch, went out into the field again, and was on the point of collapse when he, too, was rescued.

All his teeth were broken, his glasses had been smashed, and he was losing blood from face wounds. His left arm, toe, was injured.

The woman, thirty-six-year-old Miss Doris Tindall, is in hospital, blind and dangerously ill as the result of severe face burns.

Canteen Collapsed

Miss Bissett — Jock to his friends — visited Doris in hospital, but she was too ill to talk to him.

To cheer her up, Mr. Bissett started reading a book to her. He will continue reading the book during later visits.

"Any man would have done what I did," Jock told a reporter.

"A plane roared overhead and bombs dropped immediately outside. The whole canteen collapsed, and the place was like an inferno."

White-haired Mrs. Sarah Tindall, mother of the rescued woman, sobbed as she said:

"Doris will never see again, but she owes her life to Jock. He was drenched with blood when he carried her in, and was reeling about only half conscious."

DOCTOR IN CRYPT SCENE

Dr. William Rudolf Kusel, aged forty-nine, accused in London of using insulting words and behaviour in a churchyard, was stated to have nearly caused a stampede in a crypt used as an air raid shelter.

A nurse said that 150 people were in a crypt when incendiary bombs fell on the church. The roof of the church caught fire, but there was no immediate danger.

Dr. Kusel entered the crypt from the street. She asked him who he was. He replied: "I am a doctor," and he told her to shut up.

The doctor called to the people: "Clear out. The church is on fire and will burn to the ground."

According to the police, the fire was soon put out. The doctor, waving his arms, shouted: "This is all I — well get for doing my best." He refused to go away and was arrested.

The doctor told the Court the nurse struck him on the shoulder and said: "Who are you?" He did not use insulting words or behaviour.

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LADIES' LEAGUE MOOTED

At Least Seven Teams In Existence

Annual Meeting To Be Held In Near Future

By "Adrem"

Ladies' hockey thus far this season has been conducted on a very casual basis. There has been a certain amount of keenness, and in some cases the standard has been quite good, but there have been too many instances of teams arriving late or depleted.

In comparison with pre-evacuation seasons, matches have been few and far between, although a certain amount of investigation has revealed that there are still a great number of players in the Colony and that no fewer than seven teams are in more or less active operation.

While there is no gainsaying the fact that friendly hockey is enjoyable and has much to commend it to the lackadaisical player, the enthusiast cannot possibly derive very much pleasure from matches which lack of hard and fast rules tend to make slapdash. Consequently any movement to revive competitive hockey among women is, in my opinion, worthy of every support.

As the Caer Clark Cup and Brown Cup Competitions have carried on for some seasons past with undoubted success, it would appear that League hockey is generally favoured by hockey players of the fair sex and so chief problem would seem to be the practicability of running such a competition.

Situation Reviewed

Let us then review the situation. I have already mentioned that there are seven teams in existence. In some cases, of course, although the names of the clubs are still the same, the composition of the elevens would have little in common with those that did service last year. It is a fact, however, that teams which have hitherto been considered "junior"

have, as a general whole, suffered less from evacuation than the erstwhile senior teams, and this fact simplifies rather than complicates matters as it has resulted in a distribution of strength which would make a "one Division" competition not only possible but desirable.

If this then is agreed upon why not run a single competition as against the two competitions hitherto, and, if trophies are desirable, compete for the Caer Clark Cup and leave the Brown Cup for the runners-up?

The seven teams that I know to be in existence—there may be others which have been hiding their light under a bushel as far as the Press is concerned—are: Hong Kong Ladies, St. Andrew's Ladies, Recreio, Argonauts, Diocesan Girls' School, Central British Association and Hong Kong University. Although Hong Kong have a bare minimum of players on whom they can call, they have been remarkably successful in friendly matches thus far and have not dropped a game.

Distribution Of Strength

They would probably be somewhat stronger than those teams which have been in action thus far but, with a League in the offing, it is certain that several really good players, notably members of the former champion side, "Y" Ladies, would throw in the lot with some of the clubs mentioned above and provide just that stiffening that would make all the difference.

A canvas of opinions as to the desirability of running a League indicates that the majority of clubs are in favour. It was emphasised in some cases, however, that home and away matches would be a difficult proposition owing to the lateness of the season and six matches, or only one round, would be about all that could be attempted at this late stage.

Having gone thus far, I am now able to reveal, as I should possibly have done, earlier in the article, that efforts are being made to get something done. Two members of the Ladies' Hockey Association have been wrestling with accounts and files with the idea of calling the annual general meeting of the Association, which in normal circumstances would have been held either in September or October, and it is hoped that the outcome of the meeting will be the formation of a League of some sort.

If only to keep the flag flying until better times return, the clubs should rally round and give their full support.

ARMY SPORTLIGHT

By "SQUADDY"

It is interesting to note that Army Selection Committee have chosen some of their junior footballers to represent them in the forthcoming Cup matches to be played at the Chinese New Year holidays.

In the Army half-back line Cpl. Birrell of Royal Engineers is given a chance to show his worth at right half.

He has been showing good form of late in assisting his team to maintain a comfortable lead at the head of Second Division.

He has plenty of speed and weight to carry him through, and it will be recalled that he played Rugby for the Army two seasons ago when his strong kicking enabled them to win through on many occasions.

Sgt. Owens of 20th Hvy. Bty. R.A., who has recently come into the limelight on the right wing is well worth his place, and should be able to work well with Fox in the centre who knows his play and positioning.

Fox of Royal Engineers is an old hand in the Army Team and should be able to lead his team to victory. He has plenty of dash and spirit, and with the aid of Hossack of Royal Scots at inside right should be able to get a few goals.

The left wing combination is made up of S/Sgt. Duffield of Ordnance and Cpl. Web of Service Corps. Both these players have been playing well during the last month or so, and Duffield was one of the mainstays of the Ordnance team when they defeated the strong South China in the Second Division two weeks ago.

The remaining players of the team are all well-known local footballers and need no introduction. They are L/Cpl. Bankier, (Royal Scots) Sgt. Fraser, (Royal Scots) Pte. Naysmith, (Royal Scots) L/Cpl. Bright, (Middlesex) Sgt. Freshwater, (Middlesex) and Pte. Hossack (Royal Scots).

The Signals' best players are Cpl. Blount, Sig. Allen, L/Cpl. Pitcher, and Sgt. Brackenbury. To-morrow evening should be the climax of the week with Lieut. W. V. Dixon playing Cpl. Harvey in the Individual Snooker championship, but I think Cpl. Harvey will just win.

Thursday and

when he used to play regularly for the Army and Colony.

It appears that Wilkinson was not considered owing to his failing to turn up at previous representative matches.

Coomer is a good right winger, but his place is filled by a player equally as good who should be given a trial.

Saw has not been giving his usual performances during the last two months. I think Cpl. Weir will be able to prove his worth at the inside left position.

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THIS week brings us to the end of the Garrison Billiards and Snooker competitions which are being played at the Garrison Soldiers' Club to-night, Wednesday,

Thursday and

Billiards final billiards competition on Friday

between the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps and the Royal Army Medical Corps, who are the winners of the Garrison Billiards League for the third year in succession by winning all their games. At the conclusion of this competition the prizes for the competition held during the 1940-41 season will be presented by Colonel N. Forde (President Area Billiards).

S/Sgt. Terran of R.A.M.C. is the winner of the trophy for the best average in games played in the Garrison Billiards League. He played 17 matches with an aggregate of 2544, and his average was 149.64.

To-night H.K.V.D. Corps will play Royal Corps Signals in the final of the Soldiers' Club Tournament commencing at 6 p.m. The Volunteers should be able to account for the Signals in this competition as they have one or two excellent players in L/Cpl. Pereira, Capt. Sequira, and Pte. Hickman.

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Thursday brings us the Final of the Billiards Individual championship between Cpl. Harvey and S.Q.M.S. Wood. Both are excellent players, and it will be a difficult match to forecast.

Here is the Garrison Billiards League which R.A.M.C. have already won by beating R.A.O.C. last Friday 7 points to nil.

P. W. L. D. Pts

R.A.M.C.	18	18	0	106
R. Scots	14	12	2	73
R.A.S.C.	16	12	4	71
C.M. Police	15	7	2	51
R.E.	17	5	12	51
R. Signals	14	5	9	42
5th A.A. Regt.	16	8	13	50
R.A.P.C.	15	3	12	50
R.A.O.C.	16	4	12	50
12th Hvy. Regt.	11	3	8	26

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BOTH Royal Engineers and Royal Army Service Corps look like beating

Goal Scoring the goal scoring record for Record

most goals scored in one

season in league football. The Engineers have scored 73 goals in 15 matches, and the Service Corps 72 in the same number of matches.

Engineers also look like being the League winners of the Second Division, they are five points ahead and have eleven more games to play, their hardest matches being against Sing Tao on January 19, R.A.S.C. on February 15, and South China on April 5, and one postponed match against the Royal Scots.

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ROYAL Scots cricket eleven added another win to their credit on Saturday

Cricket by defeating Hong Kong Cricket Club by seven wickets in a friendly.

This win was mainly due to the fine innings by Lieut. Coombes who made 109 not out, hitting 19 boundaries, and Capt. Douglas made 40 including eight fours.

Bateman also did well with his

WEEK-END SOCCER PROGRAMME

Following is the soccer programme for the week-end:

Sunday

First Division

Middlesex v Kowloon (Sookunpoo, 4.00 p.m.)

Police v Club (Boundary Street, 4.00 p.m.)

Eastern v South China (Caroline Hill, 4.00 p.m.)

Second Division

Service Corps v Middlesex (Sookunpoo, 2.30 p.m.)

*Kwong Wah v Kowloon (Boundary Street, 2.30 p.m.)

Navy v Club (Caroline Hill, 2.30 p.m.)

Ordnance v 30th R.A. (Military, 2.30 p.m.)

Kit Chee v R. Scots (St. Joseph's, 2.30 p.m.)

Third Division

Service Corps v 36th R.A. (St. Joseph's, 4.00 p.m.)

35th R.A. v Shell (Military, 4.00 p.m.)

Engineers v Air Force (Chatham Road, 2.30 p.m.)

Signals v 12th R.A. (Chatham Road, 4.00 p.m.)

JUNIOR SHIELD

(Preliminary Round)

Middlesex v Service Corps (Boundary Street, 2.30 p.m.)

Engineers v Kowloon (Boundary Street, 2.30 p.m.)

Saturday

First Division

Kwong Wah v Navy (Boundary Street, 4.00 p.m.)

R. Scots v Sing Tao (Sookunpoo, 4.00 p.m.)

Second Division

South China v Police (Caroline Hill, 4.00 p.m.)

Engineers v Sing Tao (Sookunpoo, 2.30 p.m.)

Third Division

Medics v A.S.A. (Boundary Street, 2.30 p.m.)

24th R.A. v 20th R.A. (Caroline, 2.30 p.m.)

7th R.A. v International (Chatham Road, 4.00 p.m.)

JUNIOR SHIELD

(Preliminary Round)

Royal Scots v Chinese A.S.C. (Sookunpoo, 2.30 p.m.)

* Postponed

bowling, he took six wickets for 41 runs.

... Corps Signals and Royal Army Pay Corps drew on Saturday in a friendly.

Pay Corps batted first and Stone made 49 before being bowled by Copsey, he was assisted by Brunning who made 40.

L/Cpl. Pitcher of the Signals hit a fine 59 and Cpl. Blount 28.

R.A.P.C.

Ingelby, c Bennett, b Blount 32

Murray, c Dixon, b Blount 3

Hemmings, b Love 40

Chalcroft, c Love, b Dixon 5

Boncock, b Love 20

Adlam, run out 12

Sione, b Copsey 49

Carden, no out 3

Ex ras (B7, LB3) 12

Total (for 7 wkts. dec.) 178

Standing. Smart, and Pinkey did not bat.

SIGNALS

Wilson, b Boocock 0

Sharland, c Pinkey, b Boocock 15

Love, b Ingelby 6

Pitcher, b Chalcroft 50

Lt. Buckley, b Ingelby 0

Blount, not out 28

Dixon, lb.w. Boocock 13

Copsey, b Chalcroft 1

Bennett, not out 0

Extras (B9) 9

Total (for 7 wkts. dec.) 132

Fleet and Carroll did not bat.

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A meeting of the Combined Small Units representatives

will be held next

Athletics Monday, January 20th, in Scandal Point Hall to discuss the team for the Small Units competition in the

Amount, cross country, and

Athletic meeting.



FAMOUS FOOTBALLER'S HUMAN LETTER

In the days when the Arsenal looked upon Aston Villa as their greatest rivals, Herbert Chapman used to open his tactical eve-of-the-match talks this way: "Boys, you are playing Billy Walker tomorrow."

That was how William Walker, one of the greatest strategists ever honoured with an England cap, stood in football, writes L. V. Manning.

His splendid career as player over, he became a manager, and his first year at the helm steered Sheffield Wednesday to their Cup triumph of 1935.

And the player Chapman most feared that season put out of the Cup one of the most dazzling starlit teams Chapman ever assembled, not on the field of play but in the dressing room.

Billy Walker, after surviving the vicissitudes inseparable from the job of club manager, is now with Nottingham Forest. He has written me a letter.

It is the most human I have ever received, and the strangest, because it asks me to help Mr. Walker to find him for adoption a baby boy left parentless and homeless by the Frankenstein of Berchtesgaden in his campaign of murder over London.

Letter From A Man

Some letters need pruning. I print this one exactly as written, because no words of mine could add to its human appeal or show more surely the kind of home some bereaved orphan boy the bombs is going to have.

Dear L. V.—

You will be surprised to hear from me, no doubt, but I want you to help me with regard to giving some poor little chap a lift in life.

My wife and daughter along with myself have been talking of how we could help some of the wonderful people in our greatest city, and we have come to this decision.

What we would like is your help to give a home and chance in life to some little boy about three years of age, one who has had the greatest misfortune to lose his parents in the bombing of our city.

He will be sure of a good home and will be given the opportunity of a good education so that in the future he will be an asset to his country.

We are very fond of children, and between you and I, I have always longed for a son, but I have not had that great luck.

I have only one daughter and she is 19 years of age. She is

FATHER OF FIVE JOCKEYS KILLED

George Thomas Smyth, recently the victim of a fatal road accident, was a steeplejack and had hoped that his five sons would follow the same calling, writes L. V. Manning.

Instead, they all became jockeys, and there is no better known racing brotherhood than Herbert, Victor, William, Monty, and George Smyth. The first four are now trainers, of course.

The late John Nightingall, head of another famous Epsom family, had four sons who became riders and trainers (William, Bob, Arthur, and John), but five must be a Turf record.

Herbert Smyth, the eldest son, was the first to show his preference for horses to chimneys, and he certainly climbed higher in the profession of his adoption than he could have done as a steeplejack he was meant to be, though it was brother Victor who soared highest.

Herbert actually ran away to become a stable hand. He became apprenticed to Tom Cannon, and one of his first jobs was to "do" St. Amant, who won the Derby in the de Rothschild colours as far back as 1904.

With Herbert an established jockey on the flat and over the sticks, the other brothers duly followed suit.

Vic made the greatest name of them all as a rider of big winners for Manton and other famous stables. Like Tommy Weston, he was always losing his cap during the hectic moments of a race, but never his head.

Monty, of course, has been champion trainer under Pony Turf Club rules, and William trains in Linklater probably the best sprinter in the country.

R.A.M.C. AGAIN

For the third year in succession Royal Army Medical Corps have won the Garrison Challenge Cup for billiards, beating Corps of Military Police in the final last night by 785-643.

Following were the scores:

R.A.M.C.	C. of M.P.
Sgt Wyre	65 L/Cpl Willis (23 and 23)
Lt Dixon	130 Sgt Whittton
Sgt/Terrai	150 L/Cpl Clift (30, 28)
Pte Howe	150 Capt Hyde
Pte Whybro	150 L/Cpl Teggart
Cpl Harvey	150 L/Cpl Thomson (24, 22)
Totals	785 643

thrilled by the thought that she will have the chance she has always wanted of having a brother.

Can you help us? Please do your best.

I would, as one who has always loved the London public, like to say how proud I am of them all. God bless and keep them, and long live the greatest country in the world.

Yours, very sincerely,
BILLY WALKER.

The only postscript from me such an appeal needs is this:

William Walker's address is 38, Repton Road, West Bridgford, Nottingham.

SOCER INTERNATIONALS AT END OF SEASON

No attempt is to be made to stage international matches until the last quarter of the season, writes a correspondent from London.

Scotland has welcomed the F.A.'s suggestion for home-and-away fixtures. Wales had already agreed to two England games, but for obvious reasons no one has got down to specific dates.

Expect the League will be asked to move one Saturday in December, March, April, and May as far as possible from Cup-tie dates.

ade to stage international matches until the last quarter of the season.

All depends on the Home Front situation, of course, but it may be found that England's home matches with Wales and Scotland will have to be played on small-club provincial grounds, where a 10,000 crowd or so would be as much as could be expected. Better this than no internationals.

Meanwhile, it is unlikely any attempt will be made to stage representative matches by the F.A.

LOCAL CHESS

K. M. A. Barnett, Colony Chess champion, is not defending his title. Entries for the Senior Chess Championship are C. M. Sequeira, D. E. de Carvalho, E. Zimmern, K. Weiss, L. Karpovich and G. S. Coxhead. Zimmern, it will be recalled, was runner-up last year to Barnett.

Considerable progress has been made in the Senior and Junior Championships of the Kowloon Chess Club. The two events are each divided into "A" and "B" Sections and section winners will play the best of three games, to decide the titles.

The field is fairly open in the "A" Section of the Senior Championship where both Sequeira and Karpovich have scored 5½ points each, although the former has a game in hand. In the "B" Section it looks very much like a victory for Carvalho, who has 6½ points in eight games, Birukoff, his nearest rival, having scored 5 points in nine games.

V. V. Kolatchoff and J. Greifalda are viewing for honours in the "A" section of the Junior Championship, while S. Benjamin, who has obtained 6 points in seven games, looks a certain winner of "B" section.

GOLF PLAY-OFF

The Golf play-off at Fanling of the tie between G. M. Park (7), G. Thomerson (20) and T. McGarry (11) in the first competition in aid of the "South China Morning Post" Bomber Fund, resulted in a win for Park, who returned a card of one up. G. W. Reeve returned a card of 76-12-64, at Happy Valley, to qualify for the January round of the Adamson Cup competition.

R. A. Jordan, who skipped a few Third Division games for Kowloon Bowling Green Club last season, fractured his finger when playing tennis recently. Despite the fact that his right hand is affected, and that he bowls with that hand, he has learned to play with the left, thus emulating L. Jack, of K.C.C., whose enthusiasm induced him to achieve this same feat last Summer.

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HITLER NOW TOO LATE

Air Force Cannot Swing Libyan Situation

NAZI AIR BLITZ PROPAGANDA

Rumours of a coming Nazi air blitzkrieg in the Mediterranean are being spread from Berlin.

The Berlin correspondent of the Stockholm paper, "Dagens Nyheter" reported yesterday that the German military command is obviously alive to the ever-increasing importance of the operations in the Mediterranean and lively activity by the German Air Force may be expected in that area in the next few weeks. — Reuter

BOMBING OF TURIN

WHEN THE R.A.F. ATTACKED TURIN ON SATURDAY, THEY TOOK WITH THEM SEVERAL HEAVY BOMBS. IT WAS LEARNED IN LONDON YESTERDAY.

These were dropped right inside the Turin arsenal and the Air Ministry describes the train of explosions which followed as "highly significant." — Reuter.

QUISLING LATEST

SOME OF THE QUISLINGITES OF NORWAY ARE BEING ENROLLED IN A NORWEGIAN "REGIMENT," WHICH THEIR LEADER IS ATTEMPTING TO RAISE IN ORDER TO FIGHT WITH THE GERMANS AGAINST BRITAIN, SAYS A STOCKHOLM REPORT.

Appeals for recruits take up much space in the Quisling newspapers in Norway, where it is declared that the Regiment will be known as the Norland Regiment.

The latest form of propaganda by the Quisling Party is an attempt to foster a "Quisling culture, giving almost superhuman powers to the Party's leaders." — Reuter.



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Stockholm Assessment

THE GERMAN AIR FORCE is hardly capable of changing the situation in Albania and Libya, says the Military Correspondent of the newspaper "Dagbladet" in Stockholm, assessing the Italian reverses.

The correspondent regards German troop transport across Italy as unlikely both on mechanical grounds and through consideration of Italian prestige.

An attempt to transport troops across Yugoslavia and Bulgaria would be extremely hazardous, the correspondent believes, especially if Turkey supported any resistance which might be offered.

The Italian reverses, he declares, may be due partly to bad luck, including premature action in Greece, the element of surprise in Egypt and bad weather but, he continues, "it would seem that the Italian troops do not reach the quality of their adversaries." — Reuter.

POUNDING OF TOBRUK REACHING CRESCENDO

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stated whether these were withdrawing from the oasis or attempting to relieve the troops there.

The strength of the Jarabub force, which is now besieged, is not known definitely, but it is indicated that its surrender is merely a matter of time.

Roar Of Gunfire

Meanwhile, the hard stony desert of Libya is resounding to the roar of gunfire as British artillery continues to pound the perimeter defences of Tobruk preparatory to the final assault on the town.

There is still no indication of the strength of the trapped garrison, but it is believed to be considerably smaller than at Bardia. Its position is also more difficult than at Bardia as the outer perimeter defences straddle a broader area.

Long Convoys Of Troops Moving Up

The concentration of our troops around Tobruk continues, and a correspondent there reports that long convoys of British and Australian troops, guns, tanks and supplies are coming up continuously.

There has been a slackening of Italian artillery fire from Tobruk, he says, and the shooting is wild—possibly because the Italians have no planes to direct their fire.

The British gunners, on the other hand, are pounding away accurately, their shells going right into the town and also landing on the wells from which the Italian garrison gets its water.

The R.A.F. confirms that Italians air-bases for a distance of 70 miles beyond Tobruk have been put out of action.

It is also confirmed that one Italian Division has been cut off at the Jarabub oasis, 150 miles south of Bardia. It is only a question of time before this little garrison is forced to surrender. — Reuter.

STAFF TALKS AT ANKARA

Lt. General Marshall-Cornwall and Air Chief Marshal Eggington, of the Middle East Command, have arrived in Ankara for conversations with the Turkish General Staff. — Reuter.

NO DAYLIGHT RAID YESTERDAY

Regarding the air situation over Britain yesterday, the Air Ministry and Ministry of Home Security communiqué states: "There was nothing to report during daylight." — British Wireless.

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Germany Keeps Up Diplomatic Blitzkrieg In Sofia

NEW LEND AND LEASE BILL

A new "Lease and Lend" Bill, which would give American aid only to the British Empire and Ireland, was introduced in the House of Representatives last night by the Republican Representative for New York.

The Bill was introduced after Representatives had had a telephone conversation with Mr. Wendell Willkie, the unsuccessful Republican candidate for the Presidency, who announced support for the Roosevelt Bill with modifications.

The Republican measure is described as similar to the President's in everything, except that it would not permit the extension of aid to any nation other than Britain, unless Congress specially authorised it, and the powers it would confer on the President would expire in two years.

The Bill would authorise help only to Britain, Ireland and members of the British Commonwealth of Nations.

If the President desired to assist any other nation, he would have specifically to ask the permission of Congress.—Reuter.

Bulgaria's First Move Towards Mobilisation

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

IMPRESSION STILL PREVAILS IN BUDAPEST, SOFIA AND ANKARA THAT THE SITUATION IN THE BALKANS MAY AT ANY MOMENT FLARE UP INTO AN INTERNATIONAL CRISIS.

Bulgaria indicated yesterday that no illusions are entertained there by taking additional precautionary defensive measures, including the calling up of more troops.

Bulgarian artillery reserves who were scheduled to report for duty in March have been ordered to report to-morrow instead.

At the same time, there is intense diplomatic activity in the Balkan countries and at Ankara.

It is reported that the Turkish Minister in Sofia informed the Bulgarian Government on the instructions of his government that the Turkish Army is ready to back up the Bulgarian determination to remain out of war. Talks have also taken place in Belgrade between Ministers of the Yugoslav Government and

diplomatic representatives of nearby countries.

Diplomats Active

However, it is also indicated that Germany is continuing to exert her fullest diplomatic energies to enlist Bulgarian acquiescence in Germany's plans. The German Minister, Baron von Richthofen, had a long conversation with the Prime Minister, M. Filoff, yesterday.

At the same time, the Turkish Foreign Minister, M. Sarajoglu, was engaged in a long talk with the German Ambassador, Franz von Papen.

Sir Hugh Knatchbull-Hugessen, the British Ambassador also saw M. Sarajoglu, and the staff conversations between the British and Turkish General Staffs have commenced at Ankara, where the British Military Mission arrived yesterday. — International News Service.

ISOLATIONISTS TO FIGHT LEND AND LEASE BILL

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

REJECTING Administration overtures that they accept a modification of the "Lend and Lease Bill" to speed up its enactment and aid the nations battling the Axis Powers, Senate non-interventionists declare that they will press for the outright defeat of the measure.

Senator Wheeler, chairman of the Interstate Commerce Committee and leader of the Bill's foes, declares that the campaign will be directed at defeating the Bill instead of restricting its scope.

This was after Mr. Rayburn, Speaker of the House of Representatives, had announced that he would accept an amendment placing a time limit on the measures of the operation if it runs concurrently with the emergency.

He states that he will resist any effort to limit the powers to

60 or 90 days or "perhaps" a year.

He emphasises that the limit must be "reasonable."

Other members of the Administration intimate that they will accept additional modifications such as putting up collateral.

In this connection, special in-

NAZI OFFER TO EIRE DENIED

The High Commissioner of Eire is authorised by his Government to state that there is no truth whatever in the report published in some quarters that President de Valera, within the last month, has been offered by the Nazi Government "every possible assistance to Eire to prevent Britain from regaining control of the naval bases she formerly leased." — Reuter.

COLONY'S BUDGET FOR NEXT YEAR

The Financial Secretary (The Hon. Mr. H. B. Butler) is to move a resolution in Legislative Council on Thursday "that the draft estimates of expenditure for 1941-42 be approved."

Interest is attached to Mr. Morganthau's revelation that the British Government is negotiating with private American investors to liquidate British physical assets in the United States. — International News Service.

SINGAPORE AGAIN DISCUSSED

Singapore and islands in the Pacific are now being discussed in Congress circles in Washington in connection with the proposal that Britain be asked to post some collateral against supplies to be received under the Roosevelt lend-and-lease plan.

Among the suggestions heard in the capital is one that the United States should acquire from Britain strategically placed islands such as the Gilbert, Ellice, Phoenix and Tokelau islands, which form a curve round the Japanese mandated area and which are known to contain harbours suitable for United States air bases.

In addition, it is suggested that the United States should acquire some rights in Singapore for the general protection of the Pacific interests of Britain and America.

While many Congress leaders would undoubtedly agree to the acquisition of the Pacific islands, the isolationists would be likely to raise the cry that the acquisition of rights in Singapore would be rather to being aid to Britain than safeguarding the interests of the United States. — Reuter.

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Republican Party Splits Over Willkie Endorsement

ROOSEVELT SUCCESS IN CONGRESS

THE FIRST STEP in rushing the Lease-and-Lend Bill through Congress was taken yesterday when a vote in the House of Representatives cleared the way for the Bill to come before the Foreign Affairs Committee of the House.

An effort by the Military Affairs Committee to bring the measure under its control was defeated.

The vote was taken without debate as the rules of the House allow of no discussion on such an issue.

Mr. Cordell Hull, Secretary of State will be the first witness at to-day's hearing before the Foreign Affairs Committee.

Yesterday's vote is regarded as a victory for the Administration in the first brush with Congress over the Bill.

Republican Split

In the meantime, Mr. Wendell Willkie's support of the Bill, which has been heartily welcomed by the Administration and most Democrats, may determine his future position and influence in the Republican Party.

Certainly his statement has caused a split in the Party and it remains to be seen whether he can carry the majority with him or whether they will go over to the Landon-Hoover group.

Mr. Willkie gets considerable support from the Press.

The staunchly Republican newspaper "Baltimore Sun" comments that he has risen above partisanship in advocating the general principles of the Bill and asking for safeguards to ensure reversion to the people of the powers that the Bill delegates to the President. — Reuter.

BRITAIN IN THE MARKET

Mr. Henry Morgenthau, the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury, disclosed in Washington yesterday that the British Government is negotiating with large groups of the American investment trust for the sale of British investments in the United States.

Mr. Morgenthau said:— "One very large group of the investment trust has made one offer and another group will make an offer to-morrow."

He added that Sir Frederick Phillips, the British Treasury representative now in Washington, had informed him that the British Government was "ready to do business with them."

Mr. Morgenthau said that he could not estimate the amount of securities that might be involved or disclose the identity of the companies which might buy them.

The British were encountering no great difficulty in selling American securities regularly traded on organized exchanges. The Federal Board recently placed the value of these investments at \$800,000,000. — Reuter.

TOWN TO CUT BILLET SNOBS

Well-to-do people who refuse to billet homeless London women and children are to be shunned by residents at Dereham, Norfolk.

This was stated by Mr. C. H. Reeder, chief billeting officer at Dereham, where doors were locked against two hundred homeless Londoners.

"I shall use my compulsory powers, announced by Mr. MacDonald, to the full," Mr. Reeder said. "Everyone who has volunteered to have an evacuee is already giving shelter to some, and others are living in condemned houses.

Dereham townsfolk are planning a 'cutting campaign' for the shirkers, mostly monied people with large houses.

"We shall cut them in the street, walk out of shops if they enter, leave the meetings they attend, and in general let them see what we think of them."

PLEDGE OF BRITISH RESOURCES SOUGHT BY U.S.A.

SUPPORT APPEARS to be steadily growing for the suggestion that Britain should be requested to post the bulk of her remaining dollar holdings in the United States against materials to be supplied under the "Lease-and-Lend" plan.

CHILD ROAD VICTIMS UP

Recent investigation by the National "Safety First" Association shows that more very young children, especially those aged about three, are being killed in road accidents than before the war.

"This," it is stated, "may be partly due to mothers going into industry."

The policy of the Ministry of Labour in setting up creches for these children is, a splendid move which will be a safeguard not only against road accidents, but many home accidents, of which young children are normally the victims."

The association is starting a new road safety campaign, its aim being to save twenty lives a day.

Few children, it is pointed out, are killed during black-out hours, but during daylight, despite reduced traffic, two or three are still being killed every day.

Town children evacuated to the country find that traffic is much less, but speeds are usually higher.

TIME LIMIT ON POWERS OF PRESIDENT

A suggestion of a possible attempt to impose a time limit on the powers given to President Roosevelt under the Aid For Britain Bill was made at a press conference by Mr. Sam Rayburn, Speaker of the House of Representatives, in Washington yesterday.

Mr. Rayburn said he would not oppose imposition of a time limit provided that that limit "ran concurrently with the emergency." — Reuter.

PRESSURE ON EIRE

"Millions of people of Irish descent in North America would act in every act of cooperation on the part of Eire in the war against the Axis," states a cable sent yesterday from the Irish Canadians in Canada to the De Valera Government, says Reuter's Ottawa correspondent.

The cable was signed by Mr. Manion, the former leader of the National Conservative Party on behalf of a group of prominent Irish Canadians in various parts of the Dominion. — Reuter.

DAYLIGHT RAIDING BY R.A.F.

RECENT EXTENSION OF THE ROYAL AIR FORCE OFFENSIVE TO REGULAR DAYLIGHT AS WELL AS NIGHT BOMBARDMENTS LENDS ADDITIONAL INTEREST TO NEWS THAT FOUR DIFFERENT KINDS OF UNITED STATES BOMBERS FOR THE R.A.F. ARE BEING FLOWN ACROSS THE ATLANTIC.

A large number of certain types have arrived and a continuous stream is to be maintained in the future.

The four types are the Lockheed Hudson long-range reconnaissance bomber for the Coastal Command; the Boeing B17 four-engine bomber, popularly called the Flying Fortress, the Consolidated two-engine flyingboat, and the Lockheed Vega Ventura bomber. — Reuter.

QUISLING LATEST

SOME OF THE QUISLINGITES OF NORWAY ARE BEING ENROLLED IN A NORWEGIAN "REGIMENT," WHICH THEIR LEADER IS ATTEMPTING TO RAISE IN ORDER TO FIGHT WITH THE GERMAN ARMY AGAINST BRITAIN, SAYS A STOCKHOLM REPORT.

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HITLER'S REBUFF IN BALKANS

Plain Speaking By Bulgaria And Soviet Russia

Situation Clarified

(By Reuter's Diplomatic Correspondent)

**TWO IMPORTANT OFFICIAL PRO-
NOUNCEMENTS, ONE RUSSIAN AND THE
OTHER BULGARIAN, DURING THE PAST 24
HOURS, HAVE HELPED TO CLARIFY THE
IMMEDIATE OUTLOOK IN THE BALKANS.**

They dispose of the Nazi-inspired rumours that Germany and Soviet Russia have made a "deal" in connection with the Balkans and of the report that Russia had agreed to the passage of German troops through Bulgaria.

A.F.S. FUND TO HELP EACH OTHER

A scheme for a mutual benefit fund from which payments would be made in case of illness, accident or death, whether caused by enemy action or not is planned by the 1,200 members of Wolverhampton A.F.S.

It is proposed to make immediate advances on loans of money, or its equivalent, if damage is done to property, furniture or clothing, pending the settlement of any legal claim, and to augment a settlement in cases of hardship.

Assistance would be given in the following cases: illness, accident, or death of a member, of a member's husband, wife or child.

The social club of the A.F.S. has promised £100 to form a nucleus of the fund. Members are being asked to subscribe one shilling a month, and it is expected the fund will reach a minimum figure of £1,000.

The fund is independent of any Government scheme, and it is suggested that it can be extended with advantage to all civil defence workers.

7,000 MINERS MAY BE THROWN IDLE

Notices expire involving 7,000 West Wales miners likely to be rendered idle as the result of the loss of Continental markets and the closing of the Canadian Hudson River.

Mr. D. R. Grenfell, M. P., Minister of Mines, at Swansea had a further long conference with representatives of the employers and workmen when the report of the sub-committee was submitted.

The proceedings were private and at the close it was officially stated that the problem had been fully discussed and that there's to be further meetings at the Mins Department in London.

RICE CONTROL REQUIREMENTS

That permits from the Food Controller for moving rice by sea even for a distance of ten yards must be obtained was the warning issued by Mr. E. Hinsworth, Kowloon, this morning when the masters of five boats were charged with moving rice by sea without permits.

Mr. Peter H. Sin appeared and pleaded guilty for three defendants. He stated that his clients were under the impression that permits were not necessary for moving rice from Hong Kong to Kowloon.

The other defendants also pleaded guilty and similar excuses.

Accused were all cautioned.

In these circumstances, it is probable that the stories of large German troop concentrations in Rumania are equally inaccurate, though there is undoubtedly a considerable garrison in that country in order to protect the oilfields.

The Russian statement, coming so soon after the Soviet-German economic and northern frontier pact emphasises the strictly limited scope of that pact. It also makes quite clear that the absence of any reference to the Balkans is not an oversight but is due to the fact that no agreement has been reached on that subject.

Uncompromising

The Bulgarian declaration, made by the Prime Minister, M. Filoff, came only a few days after his return from Vienna.

He reaffirmed Bulgaria's policy of peace and neutrality, alluded to the help of Russia in the recovery of the Dobrudja and repeated that neither the Nazi nor the Communist system of Government was suitable for Bulgaria.

The special significance of this speech is that it was possible for M. Filoff to make such uncompromising statements in the midst of a war of nerves which Nazi agents have been fostering and promoting in the Balkans. It suggests that the German schemes have failed to upset the Bulgarian Prime Minister's equilibrium despite tendentious reports that his position was unstable.—Reuter.

NEW PUNCH FOR BRITAIN'S 1941 AIR OFFENSIVE

(By Reuter's Air Correspondent)

BRITAIN'S 1941 AIR offensive, already begun, is to be given fresh punch by at least four new types of American bombers.

The Boeing Bomber, powerfully armed, is said to be able to carry four tons of bombs and its range is such that it is estimated it could cross the Atlantic with a full load of petrol and bombs.

It will join the even bigger and more powerful British Short Sering in dealing with every part of Germany's 1941 "knock out" plans.

The twin-engined flying boat will boost up the strength of the R.A.F. Coast Command, where it needs it most, namely in the joint protection of Atlantic convoys. The Lockheed Hudson Vega Ventura is said to be large and faster than the Lockheed Hudson type already famous for its work with the R.A.F.

The Lockheed Hudson now in service is considered the best

ITALIAN PLIGHT IN ALBANIA

Documents seized by the Greeks show that even by the end of November last the Italians knew that the situation might become very grave in the near future.

Among these documents is a report from the commander of the Central Alpine Division to his General Officer in Command. He asks that his men be relieved, because they have lost 50 per cent of their effectiveness.

"We are no longer able to stand up to front-line fighting," he says.

"My men are practically barefoot and ill clad and they find it hard to stand the severe weather and cold."

His General replies on November 27th:—

"As soon as possible, we will move your unit to the rear, but just now this is impossible."

"You must hold on firmly in order to avoid creating a situation which might become grave."

—Reuter.

HIS CAR WORKS FOR SPITFIRE FUND

Money to buy Spitfires has come from all parts of the country, and funds received by the Minister of Aircraft Production have been raised in various ways.

A method has been devised by a motorist who for the past few months has given lifts to and from London to a south-eastern suburb.

He has a collecting box in his car, and passengers who save their fares by gaining a lift are asked to contribute towards the Spitfire fund.

One week this motorist collected 25s. in pennies and two pence. One passenger—a superintendent at a telephone exchange—normally pays fourpence for her journey to work, but when going by private car she gives sixpence to the fund.



Nurses took children in their arms and carried them from a shattered ward a few seconds after bombs hit a London hospital during recent raids. Photo shows one of the shattered windows and some of the little patients in foreground. (Copyright, Fox).

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ITALIAN COMMANDER IN ALBANIA GOES INTO RETIREMENT

THERE IS LIVELY comment abroad on the news that yet another Italian general has resigned, and that a fourth Italian officer is now going to try his luck against the Greeks.

General Soddu has been Commander-in-Chief in Albania for about two months and the official version is that he has been relieved of his duties at his own request owing to ill-health.

General Cavallero, who has been Chief of the Staff since Marshal Badoglio resigned a month ago, is to retain this post and at the same time assume the command in Albania.

General Soddu has had little military experience, although he was Vice-Chief under Marshal Graziani from June to November last year.

His two months in Albania have been one long series of defeats. At no point have the forces under his command made a stand against the Greeks, and he has been outmanoeuvred on every hand by the strategy of General Metaxas and General Papagos.

Cavallero, on the other hand, is an experienced man and was Chief of Operations during the last war. He was made Under-Secretary for War when Mussolini came into power and he was called on to fill Marshal Badoglio's place when the latter "vacated office" in December last.

Long Series

Soddu's resignation is yet another in a long series. On December 11, Marshal Badoglio resigned, reportedly because he was disgusted at the way Mussolini had entered the war without adequate preparations and against the wishes of most Italians.

A day later, the general in command of the Dodecanese Islands followed suit, and he was joined by the naval leaders, including the Chief of Naval Staff, his Deputy and the Commander-in-Chief of the Italian Fleet.

The fact that Mussolini has had to call on his Chief of Staff is a sign of the extreme shortage of military leaders willing to conduct Mussolini's war.

In addition to those who have resigned, two have met their death and almost a dozen have been taken prisoner.

At the same time, the Italian military situation goes from bad to worse.

Greek Offensive

When General Cavallero reaches Albania he will find a Greek offensive in full swing in the central sector, with Tepelini in a bad way.

The Greeks are still making gains beyond Klissoura and one correspondent calls it "the biggest Greek offensive of the war."

The Italians are losing prisoners by the hour, while Greek artillery is keeping up an intensive fire. The eight inches of snow which fell recently turned into six inches of mud over the week-end and more snow is now falling.

The Greek advance is not great in distance, but London circles say that it is a very important one. They have got behind Klissoura and well over onto the road to Berat, so that Italian lateral lines of communication are now 30 miles further north.

Tepelini is in an awkward position, but not entirely lost and part of a new Italian Division has been sent there. General Cavallero will have to provide better leadership than Soddu, however. If the Italians are to retain the town,

1,500 Hostages

Among his "war trophies" General Cavallero will find 1,500 hostages. An Athens messenger says

LOCKED THE DOORS ON EVACUEES

Mothers with tiny children evacuated from West Ham and Islington arrived at Dereham, Norfolk, to find the townspeople there had locked their doors against them.

As a result, twenty-four babies with their mothers — a total of thirty-eight — had to be taken to a public assistance institution for shelter.

Dereham cottagers are demanding a full inquiry alleging that the owners of big houses with plenty of accommodation have failed to do their bit.

Only 40 Taken

The chief billeting officer at Dereham, Mr. C. H. Reeder, sent circular letters to people who refused to offer shelter to the London evacuees, telling them that he had decided to use his compulsory billeting powers, and that each of them must offer hospitality to one mother and her children.

It was stated that houses to which these notices had been sent had been found locked when the mothers and children were taken there.

Out of a total of 200 evacuees sent to Dereham, townspeople offered voluntarily to accommodate only forty families.

An inquiry is likely to be held.

BOMB MISSES FIVE MEN BY TEN FEET

By diving flat on the ground five men had a split-second escape from injury when a heavy bomb dropped just 10ft. from the lorry alongside which they were working.

At the time the men were clearing away debris caused by previous raids in a town in the Home Counties.

They were A. Hewitt, E. V. Wickham, C. Johns, W. Baldock and C. Heffer.

Wickham said: "We heard the droning of a 'plane and then a swishing second. Looking up, we saw a big bomb coming straight for us.

"Somebody shouted, 'Get down!' but I had already ducked. I don't know how we managed to get down in time, but we did. The ground seemed to lift us in the air, and I swear I came down in a different place."

These were dropped right inside the Turin arsenal and the Air Ministry describes the train of explosions which followed as "highly significant." — Reuter.

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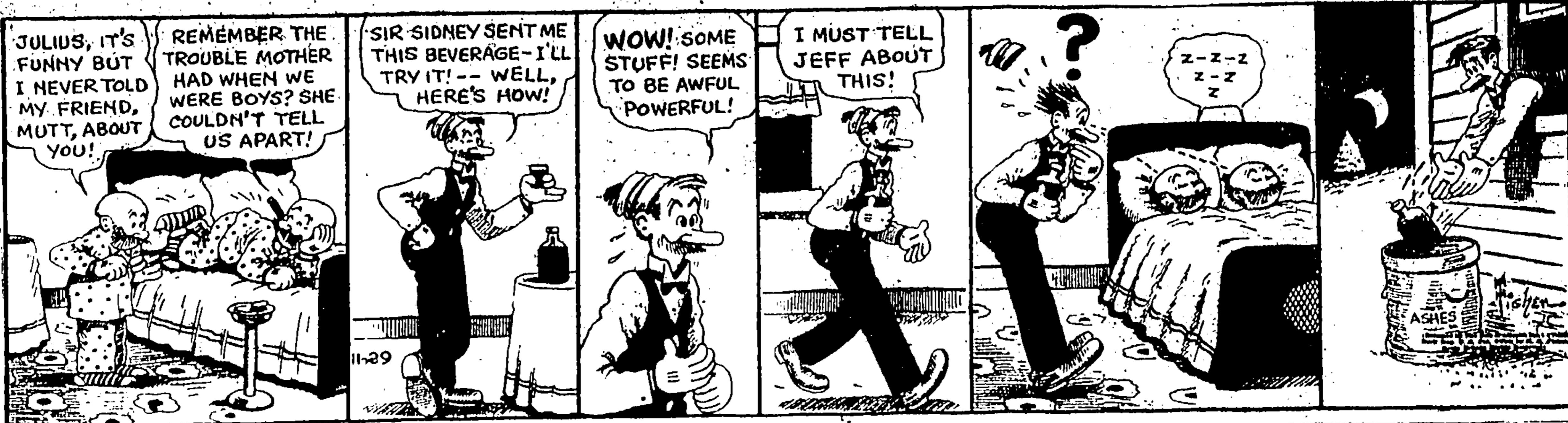
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MAJOR SHOCKED ARTISTIC WIFE

Differences in temperament between a major and his wife, a concert singer, were referred to by Mr. Justice Hodson in the Divorce Court, when he gave judgment in cross-suits in which each asked for divorce.

The petition of the wife, Mrs. Helen Marjorie Norbury, of Kensington Court, London, W., in which she alleged cruelty, was dismissed. Major Malcolm Norbury was granted decree nisi on the ground of desertion.

Major and Mrs. Norbury, who have two children, were married in May, 1938.

Sensitive Woman

In May, 1937, Mrs. Norbury left her husband.

Giving judgment, Mr. Justice Hodson said that Mrs. Norbury was a woman of artistic temperament and her husband was a very different type of man.

That difference in their temperaments seemed to explain almost everything that had happened.

No doubt the wife was shocked at times at things which her husband said to her, and no doubt he said things that were calculated to cause a sensitive woman a good deal of pain.

10 GIRLS ON BIKES CALL OUT H.G.

By A Special Correspondent

CYLING BREATHLESSLY along miles of country lanes, ten Girl Guides, the eldest sixteen, the youngest twelve, became Army messengers in an emergency. They summoned 200 Home Guards to duty within two hours.

When the Commanding Officer saw his men massed on parade he said, "Good heavens! How on earth did we get them here so soon?" "The Guides have done it again, sir," an officer told him.

But it was equally true that up to a short time ago Major Norbury was sincerely devoted to his wife and actuated by the desire to please her and to fall in with her wish to follow her own career and express herself musically, although it was the kind of life with which he had no sympathy.

"He was not perfect, but he was doing the best he could.

"Because these two people were tempermentally different, and they may have been incompatible one with the other, the wife may find that she cannot live with her husband—indeed, it may possibly be that her health has suffered by contiguity with a man with whom she has never been in sympathy—it does not prove cruelty."

Hazel Hornby, sixteen-year-old High School girl, and the 3rd. Christchurch (Hants) Company of Guides "adopted" Christchurch Home Guard when it was formed. On bicycles they toured the countryside delivering postcards inviting men to join.

Since then two of them in uniform report each night at the local drill hall for duty. They run messages and errands.

Hazel sometimes types letters for the Commanding Officer in her father's library.

Whenever there is an emergency the Guides go into action. Each has her own round. They cycle to the homes of the Guardsmen, some of whom live in remote country places, and summon them to duty.

"These Guides have done great work for this company," Major T. Woombell, the Commanding Officer told a reporter.

"Hazel is the daughter of one of my platoon commanders. When we formed the company she trooped along with her girls and rather shyly asked if they could help.

"Help! Why, they've nearly made this company. They've done us countless good turns. Two turn up every night, good or bad weather, and run messages summoning men to duty."

"When we had the emergency call it was imperative that I got every man on duty. Without the Guides it couldn't have been done."

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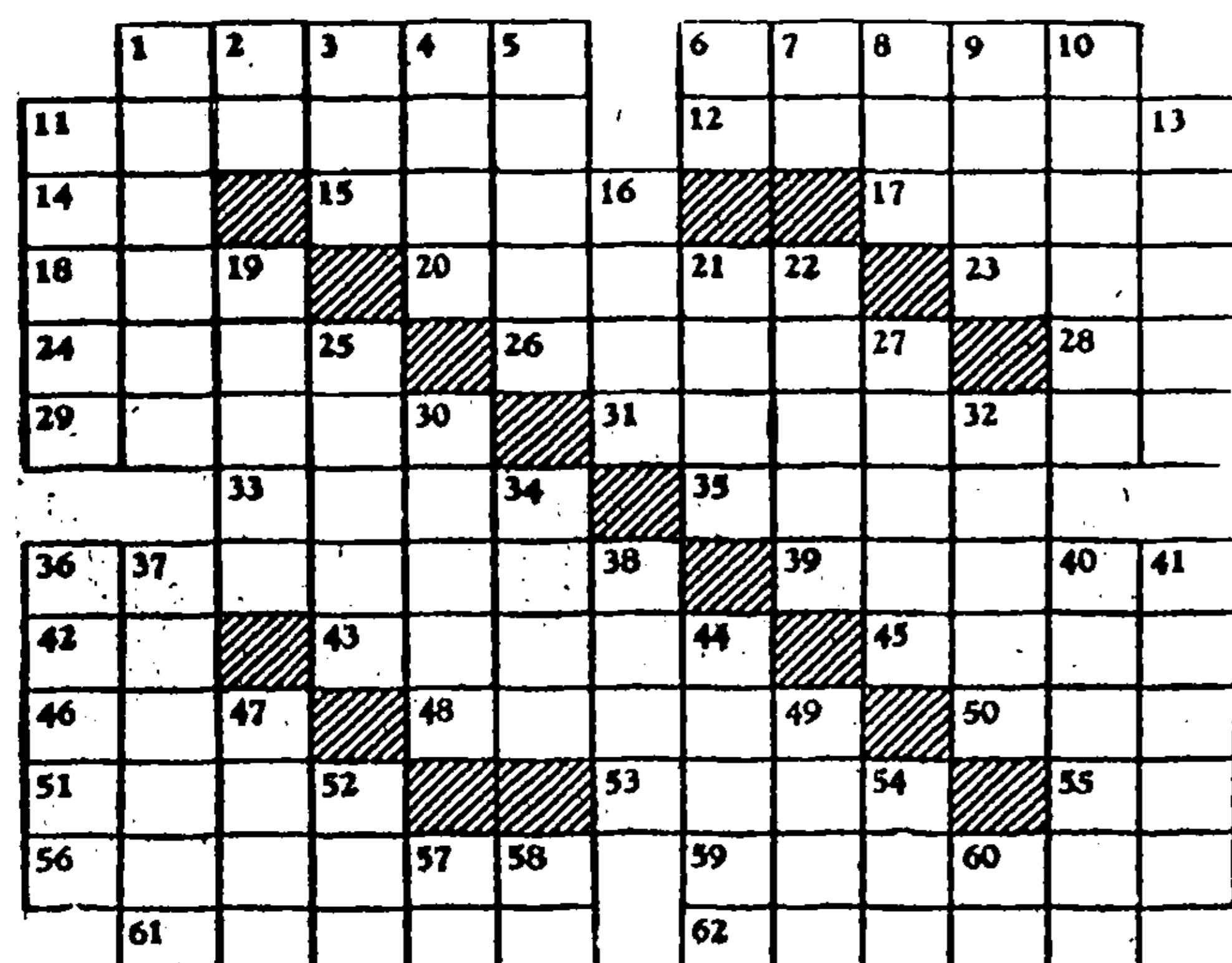
Hazel blushed. "We like doing the work — the Major's so nice!" she said.

"We keep our bikes in good order so that we shan't let the Home Guard down."

"Our youngest girl is Betty Gales. She's twelve and a fine Guide."

The other eight are Joan Phillips, Pat Holloway, Peggy Cowley, Audrey Chambers, Sylvia Hornby, Jean Price, Rosemary Coupland and Barbara Howard.

OUR 10-MINUTE CROSS-WORD

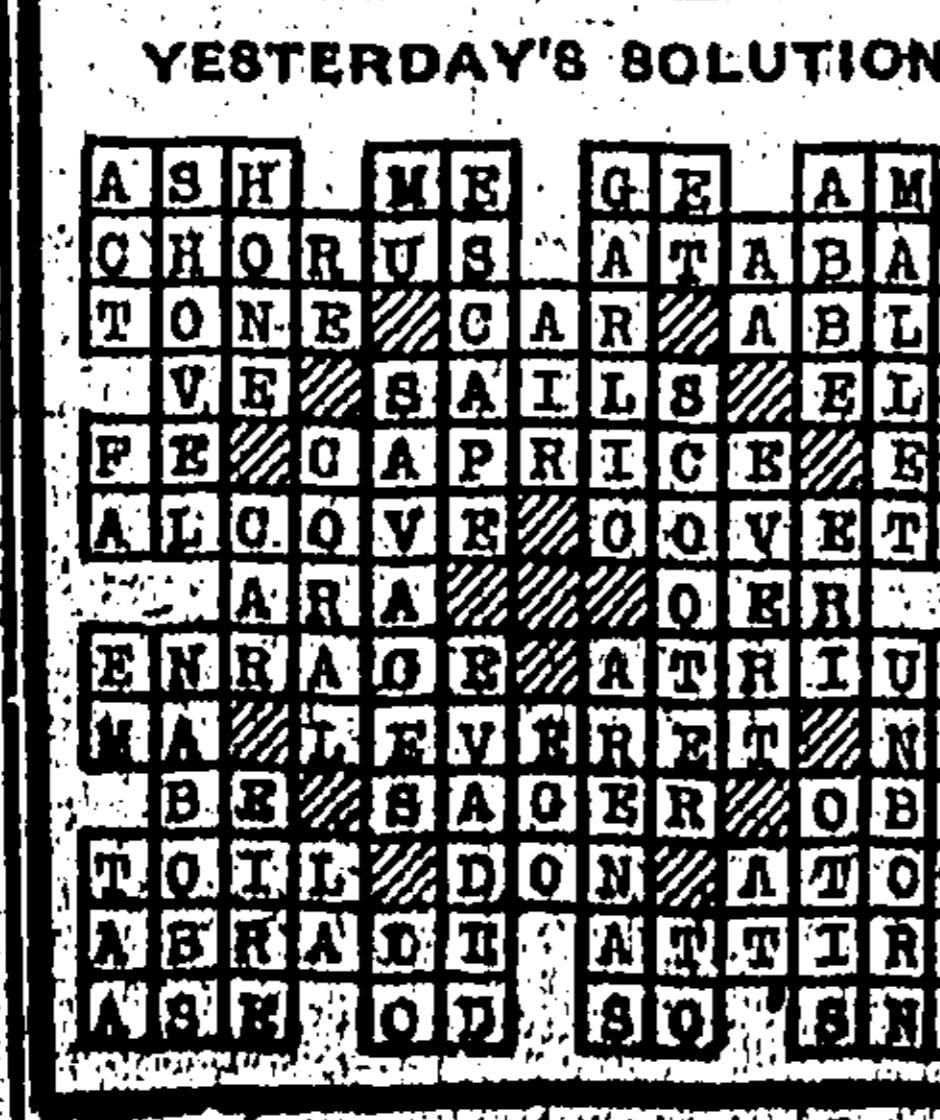


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1 Clamour
6 City in Italy
11 Ceremonious
12 Egyptian god of agriculture
14 Conjunction
15 Meticulous
17 Animal skin
18 Hawaiian bird
20 Diurnal
23 Time gone by
24 Earth
25 Phases
28 Land measure
29 Ecclesiastical council
31 Printer's error
33 Russian mountain system
35 To remove
36 To rescue
39 Taste
42 White
43 Quotes
45 Dreadful
46 Frightful
48 Bracing
50 Accomplished
51 Twenty
52 Fifteen

53 Ancient musical instrument
55 Symbol for samarium
56 Trojan hero
59 Burial-place of King Arthur
61 Fracas
62 Citrus fruit

VERTICAL
1 Country in Europe
2 Conjunction
3 Devil
4 Carnelian
5 Hebrew prophet
6 Japanese money
7 Exists
8 Rim
9 Plane surface

10 Large antelope
11 Frustrates
13 Tempest
16 Small amount
19 To render impotent
21 Nobleman
22 City in Belgium
25 Style of architecture
27 Vegetable dish
30 Ship's crane
33 Lukewarm
34 Mother of Apollo
36 Oriental tambourine
37 Regard
38 Rockfish
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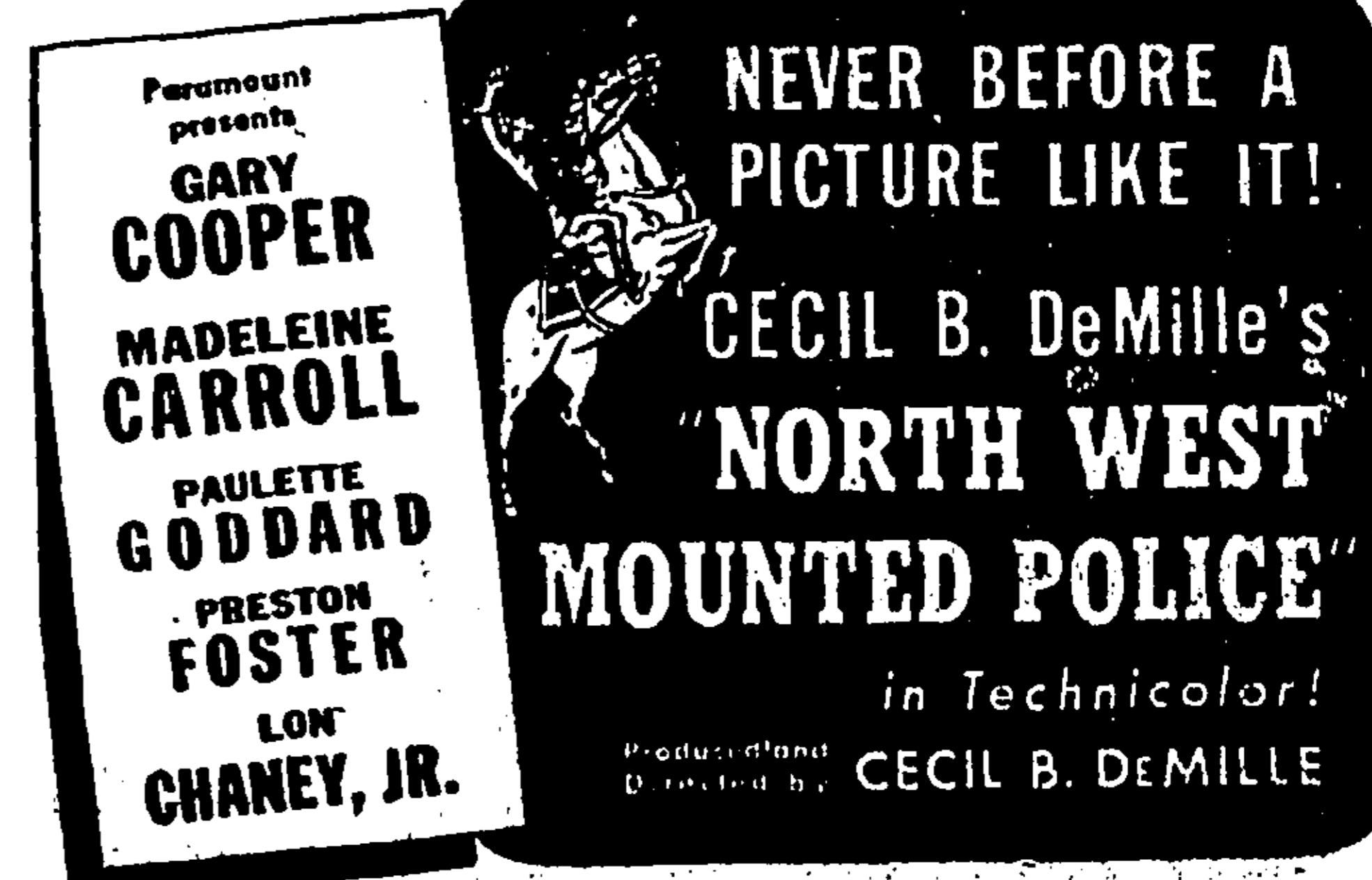
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Royal Drums Call Ethiopians To Action

(By Reuter's Correspondent)

KHARTOUM'S NIGHTLY BROODING ETHIOPIAN SKY RESOUNDS TO THE ROLL OF DRUMS SPELLING OUT A MESSAGE FOR WHICH THE ETHIOPIANS HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR FIVE YEARS - THAT THEIR EMPEROR IS NEAR AT HAND AND THE MOMENT OF DELIVERANCE IS NOT FAR OFF.

In a special interview granted to me by the Lion of Judah, I learned that the dark-bearded, distinguished Emperor has already made contact with Abyssinian chiefs from the interior.

The last time I saw the Emperor he was disembarking at Haifa five years ago from a British destroyer after his flight from Abyssinia.

Then he was care-worn and dejected.

To-day, he sits on a purple-silk covered wooden throne in his little square palm-fringed palace beside the placid waters of the Blue Nile.

Alert, bright-eyed, he is another being.

In a voice vibrant with confidence, he told me of his plans - that the day is not far distant when he will cross the border and lead the Ethiopian patriot army against the enemy.

Tear Down The Wolf

There was a glint of assurance in his eyes as he exclaimed:—

"I will tear down the figure of the wolf erected by the Italians in Addis Ababa square and in its place will reinstate the white marble statue of the Lion of Judah, the original of which they took to Rome."

Selassie is well pleased with the progress of his army's training and added:—

"The revolt is making great headway, thanks to the whole-hearted support of the British Government."

"It is the writing on the wall," he said, with sudden energy, "and the days of my former Italian ally who betrayed my country are numbered."

"He built fine roads but killed and enslaved thousands of my people. He failed to break their spirit and I look forward to their liberation and the institution of just, constitutional governments."

Royal War Drums

The Emperor told me that just as Badoglio had done he would personally lead his victorious troops to Addis Ababa mounted on a white horse.

I asked him if it was true that the Royal Crown of the House of Judah was now in Rome.

He said that the crown which Badoglio took to Rome was stolen by the Italians from the Ethiopian church and was not the Emperor's crown.

He went on to explain about the Royal war drums which are nightly beaten on the hill-tops of Gojam and along the frontier.

"There are 44, some of which are big, while others are hollowed out from tree trunks covered with cow-hide."

"My chieftains are allowed a maximum of 12 drums each but nine sound a particular note and when the peculiar note of those drums is heard my people know that I am nearby."

The Message

"And I know that they are hearing and understanding my message of my drums because hundreds of my former soldiers, who were forced to fight with the Italians, are deserting and rallying to the standard raised at Gojam by my faithful commanders."

The Emperor then held a clandestine meeting with a number of Ethiopian chiefs from the interior.

AMERICA URGED TO INTERVENE

Commenting on the dispute between Thailand and Indo-China, interested circles in London express the hope that Thailand will beware of the motives behind any third party intervention.

In the event of Thailand being aided by a third party, it is pointed out, it would not be Thailand who would benefit.

London quarters stress that the non-aggression pact signed between Thailand and France on June 12, 1940 after the French collapse has never been ratified.

In face of considerable opposition from the French Colonial Ministry and the authorities in Indo-China, M. Paul Lepissier, French Minister at Bangkok, worked hard to have the treaty concluded, but opposition to provisions in the treaty involving certain territorial concessions to Thailand remain to be overcome.

In the British view, a peaceful solution of the dispute is possible. It is believed that if the two parties are left alone, without open or covert interference by a third party, the dispute can still be settled peacefully.

It is difficult, London circles emphasise, for Britain to-day to offer her good offices for mediation, since British relations with Vichy and Indo-China have ceased to exist. However, it is thought that the United States could see its way to act as honest broker, though no such offer has yet been made. — Central News.

SUPPLIES REACHING CHINA

American Red Cross headquarters in Washington report that medical supplies are now reaching Free China and this has caused the organisation to continue sending aid.

After the re-opening of the Burma Road, supplies were shipped from the United States for China's benefit and these are now passing freely along the road.

An investigation by the Red Cross has shown that the road is being well maintained despite air raids, and 60 lorries with vital medical supplies and equipment have been transported since the re-opening.

Much more will be sent from the United States, it is learned.

It is probable that \$1,000,000 worth of supplies will be sent, for no limit has been set for such aid. — Reuter.

GIRL'S CHARGES

Pleading guilty to possession of two "wards" without having notified the S.C.A., Ho Sui-tung, 28, married woman, of No. 63, Sai Kung Road, was fined \$25 by Mr. E. Hinsworth at Kowloon this morning.

Inspector W. H. Fraser, of the S.C.A., said that on December 19, Tam Mui, 14-year-old girl, came to S.C.A. and alleged that she was forced to sleep in the streets by a 40-year-old man to whom she was married on accused's instruction.

The girl accompanied the authorities to accused's house and there found another girl, aged 17, who was also accused's "ward."

THEFT FROM STORE OF WATSON'S

Mr. G. A. Lawrence, of Messrs. Watson and Company, has reported the theft of tin packings, valued at \$250, from the store room, North Point, between 12 p.m. on Saturday and 7.30 a.m. yesterday.

Dr. R. S. Beagle, of the Bacteriological Institute, has reported the theft of a gold wrist watch, valued at \$180, on Sunday. The theft occurred on board a steamer in the harbour.

SURPRISE ATTACKS BY GREEKS

A violent surprise attack by Greek troops has dislodged the Italians from strongly fortified positions in the central sector of the front, says the Athens radio.

Fierce hand-to-hand engagements are reported from the northern sector, where the Greeks made an advance after bayonet fighting.

Desperate attempts by the Italians to reinforce their positions in the coastal sector north of Chimalra have been nullified by the spirit of the Greek offensive. — Reuter.

JAPAN'S NATIONAL DEBT

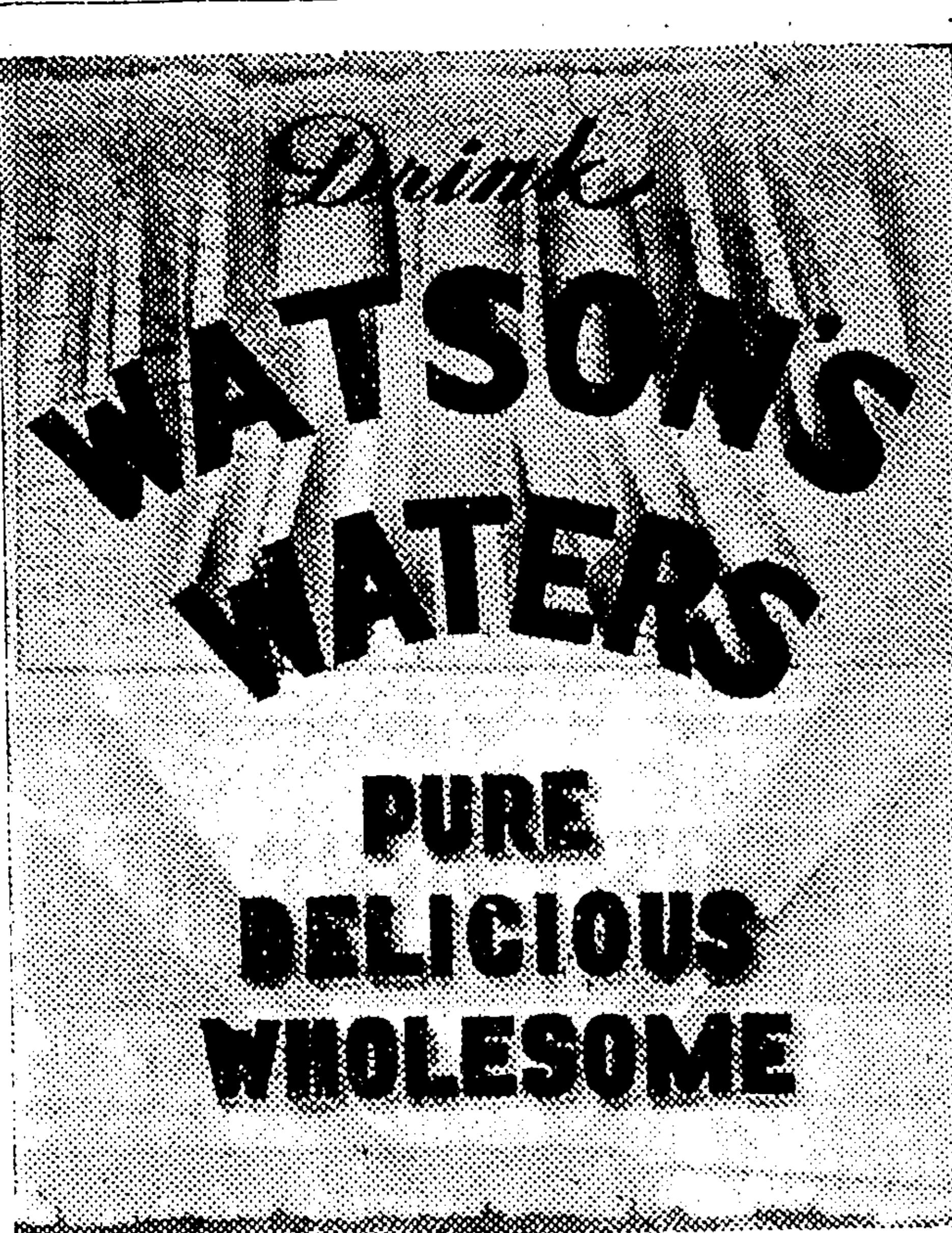
Japan's national debt in the form of domestic and foreign loan bonds at the end of last year totalled Yen 28,253,200,000 according to an official announcement by the Japanese Ministry of Finance.

These figures indicate an increase by Yen 1,300,000,000 from the total at the end of November and an increase by Yen 6,733,000,000 compared with one year ago. — Reuter.

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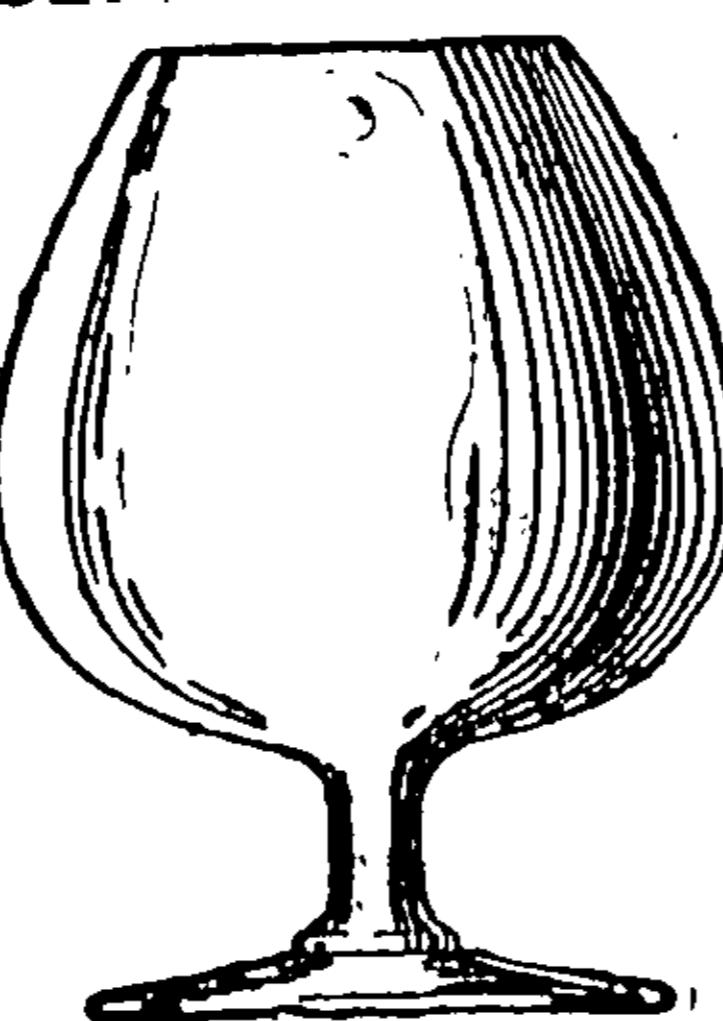
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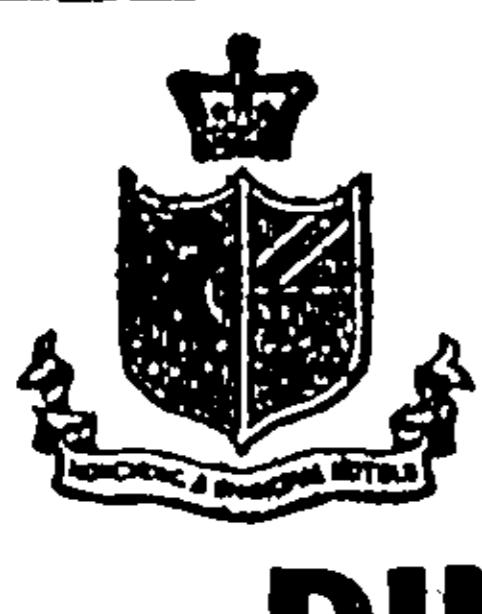
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FAMINE OF FACTS

On this question of feeding people in Nazi-controlled countries there seems to be at least as great a shortage of facts as of food.

No one can be untouched by the possibility of famine. But some Americans are charging that agitation which puts pressure on Britain to raise the blockade is the Nazis' best weapon for dividing America and weakening the effort to save democracy. Others declare food is the best propaganda for freedom and that those who oppose the Hoover project are un-Christian monsters. There is a surplus of emotion, a famine of facts.

Here, for instance, are some things that are not known:

1. Whether German—and British—statements that there is food enough are accurate. This appears to depend on whether the Nazis will distribute the total supply, which is believed to be sufficient for the winter. They are known to have shipped large quantities of meats and fats out of occupied countries. There is food in the Balkans—if distributed.

2. Whether the German Army, which is willing to have people in the occupied countries fed, can overrule the Nazi party policy which is said to count on weakening resistance and teaching the hungry that Britain is to blame. In other words, is the prime requisite—a German guarantee—obtainable?

3. Whether the peoples themselves are asking for food. Many of their relatives oppose food shipments and their refugee governments appear to be actively backing the blockade. In the last few days spokesmen for Free France and for the Czechs have opposed the sending of food.

4. Whether feeding peoples under German domination will help them to stand up for freedom or will only save the Nazis the necessity of feeding workers they have drafted into their war machine. There appear to be wide theoretical differences of

A GREAT deal of nonsense is talked about bravery by people who know little or nothing about psychology and the workings of the human mind. The civilian usually judges bravery by medals and decorations, and these are not necessarily an accurate guide.

I know a genial scallywag who, one night during the last war, absorbed most of the company's rum ration and then wandered off alone into no-man's-land. His subsequent exploits earned him the V.C., but his pals had to explain to him what all the fuss was about before he discovered he was a hero!

Every soldier in the last war knew that after a successful show, which was probably a walk over, bagsful of decorations were allotted to each battalion and were often shared out indiscriminately. Whereas prodigies of heroism might be performed in a show that was a trifle without any one receiving so much as a measly Military Medal. No, medals are not the standard by which the soldier judges bravery.

It's a queer thing, this question of courage. The man who exposes himself recklessly in the front line is not brave, but a plain fool, who is not only throwing his own life away, but is drawing the fire

which may cause needless casualties amongst his comrades.

The country doesn't pay a soldier to get killed, but to stay alive and kill enemies. Yet the man who is the essence of caution and always keeps his head below the parapet will certainly not be thought much of.

You see, the soldier is first and foremost a practical man. His comment on any given action is: "What's the use of it?" Reck-

By Humphrey Hume

lessness can sometimes be essential. It may save a man's life, or gain invaluable information, or save precious time.

The difference usually is that the reckless fool performs his antics with a self-conscious swagger, while the brave man does them as though they were the normal and obvious thing to do.

Bravery isn't a matter of what you feel like inside. The man who says he never feels afraid is either a liar or insane. Fear is an enormously powerful emotion implanted in us by Nature for the purpose of preserving our lives. The only thing that will stimulate

the adrenal glands to abnormal activity is fear.

Under its influence they greatly increase the secretion of their marvellous fluid, which acts on the body as a supercharger acts on a car. It speeds up mind, nerves and muscles, and enables us to perform feats of strength, agility and quick thinking that are normally far beyond our capacity.

Whether you are a hero or a coward depends on how you use the powers conferred upon you by this rush of adrenalin into the blood stream. If you use them to remove yourself as rapidly as possible to a place of safety you may be showing either reasonable caution or abject cowardice, depending on circumstances. The really brave man will always try to use the stimulus of fear in order to do the best he can for the cause he serves.

It is clear, then, that true bravery demands something more than indifference to personal danger. It needs expert knowledge. The more one knows, the better can one decide what is best to do in any given situation. The man who has mastered a job is unlikely to feel panic if called upon to do it in dangerous circumstances.

Suppose, for instance, a man has to carry a message across a stretch of land that is being

pounded by shells and swept by machine-guns. It is not brave to make a blind dash for it. This would mean that panic had clouded his judgment, and he would almost certainly be knocked out.

The brave man would volunteer for the job, knowing he had a good chance of doing it successfully.

By noting the intervals between shell salvos, by observing exposed pieces of ground and avoiding them, by knowing the approximate position of enemy machine-guns and keeping as clear as possible of their field of fire, by using the speed and energy given to him by the increase of adrenalin in his blood to make swift dashes at favourable moments from one bit of shelter to another, he would probably get through.

A large proportion of what we call bravery is just plain determination. If every man in a battalion is determined to capture a given objective, that position will usually be carried. It was found again and again in the last war that supposedly impregnable positions could be captured by determined troops, whereas far more vulnerable places were successfully held against men who lacked this spirit.

Determination need not involve the element of risk. That is why generals are dubious about battalions which have a large number of men falling out on route marches. They know that if men have insufficient perseverance to carry them through a twenty-mile tramp in spite of fatigue, they will not be likely to force their way forward until they get within bayonet thrust of the enemy.

Then again, there is the question of ruthlessness. I doubt whether a really brave man could be consistently soft-hearted and unselfish. It is not merely a matter of being able to ignore the danger of personal mutilation or death. In war one becomes curiously indifferent to such things. It requires far more bravery to order men one likes to do a job that will mean almost certain death, while one stops behind in comparative safety.

A pilot who would go joyously into an aerial scrap against impossible odds would go almost crazy when, promoted to a senior position, he could only wait helplessly at the aerodrome and issue orders to others to do the dirty work.

Perhaps the most important attribute of bravery is self-control.

Staying in a spot because you have been ordered to stop there.

Looking cheerful and confident when you wish you were a thousand miles away.

Keeping your limbs steady when your knees want to do a tap dance.

Not that the outward signs of fear would matter much if you were alone. They are mostly simple physical reactions which would be almost exactly duplicated if a doctor gave you an injection of adrenalin, and have little to do with the way you personally would behave.

But because fear can so easily develop into panic, and panic is communicated mainly by instinctive mimicry, it is vitally important to avoid giving way to open symptoms of fear.

That is why an officer will, in a desperate emergency, shoot a man who tries to bolt. Not that the fellow would not be a good ride if he were allowed to run till he dropped. It is the example of fear that is dangerous, and unless it were instantly checked it would be copied first by one man and then by another until all were on the run.

Those, then, are the ingredients of bravery—knowledge, determination, ruthlessness, and self-control. Ruthlessness is the only one that may be distasteful, and it can often be dispensed with, as it is only essential to those who aspire to leadership. All the others are perfectly capable of being cultivated by any intelligent person.

So if any one asks how brave you are, you can confidently reply that you can train yourself to be as brave as may be necessary.

Goals For 'New Order'

With the British Government statement on war aims and peace aims expected shortly, individual Cabinet Ministers appear to have been preparing the way for an official pronouncement with more precise definition of their own versions of the new order to come after the war in which the ideal of social security for all the people has been the keynote.

Undoubtedly Reichsfuehrer Hitler's latest appeal to the working people that his new order will end the privileged position of the plutocrats in the democracies has helped to prompt replies from responsible democratic quarters. But actually the British Cabinet had already started to modify its stand against a statement on war aims before Herr Hitler spoke.

The Cabinet is understood already to have given some time to a discussion of the aims issue and it is significant that the three Labour members of the Inner War Cabinet, Mr. Herbert Morrison, Mr. Ernest Bevin, and Mr. Arthur

opinion on this point, even in Berlin. What is needed is more information on the actual effect. Experience with some of the present or proposed small-scale efforts to feed outlying areas such as Spain or Finland, or with the work of the Friends' Service Committee and the project for Red Cross distribution of evaporated milk to children in unoccupied France might alter the present position of the British and American Governments. Or more knowledge may confirm that position.

He urged that the sacrifices of wartime now being made willingly

By Peter Lyne

Greenwood have felt themselves free to give more than a hint of the kind of new world they seek.

Approach To Specifications

Their speeches have contrasted with the more cautious generalities of previous government spokesmen whose remarks were regulated by the view that the Government has hitherto adhered to that the first and almost the only aim worthy of full attention in the present state of the struggle is to achieve victory and remove Nazism, the obstacle to any just and happy order for Europe and the world.

It is emphasised in well-informed circles that while the forthcoming Government declaration on aims can be expected to go some way beyond previous official statements, it is even so unlikely to extend further than an outline of the broad principles upon which will be based Britain's policy for the rest of the war and afterward.

Individual Ministers are understood to have submitted memoranda on the subject and account is being taken of the views of representatives of the Dominions and the foreign governments now functioning in Britain.

Economic Tasks Faced

All three Labour Ministers dwelt on the heavy social and economic tasks which will have to be faced after the war and insisted therefore on the absolute necessity of holding out the goal of social security to all those people now straining under the immense burden of war.

Bluntly, Mr. Morrison at Dorchester Hotel told the gathering of mostly well-to-do people, including a large number of businessmen, that Britain will have to plan its postwar economic life on a more cooperative and less archaic basis than at present.

He urged that the sacrifices of

ly by the rich must be continued in peace. One lunch guest was heard to groan, "That means no return to the normal income tax."

But another guest, Lord Nuffield, was heard to say afterward to the chairman of the lunch, Lord Nathan, "I agree with every word of Morrison's speech—and I am a millionaire."

Mr. Bevin, speaking the day before, had said that poverty and unemployment must in the future be regarded as a "social disease like illiteracy."

Poverty And Idleness Banned

Mr. Greenwood looked forward to building after war "a broader freedom and new opportunities for advance."

There is undoubtedly a still strong controversy over the question of a statement of war aims and peace aims, but clearly the Government is now more inclined to recognise that, even if a precise plan for the future cannot possibly be evolved yet, there are many good reasons for making a more definite pronouncement than hitherto that Britain is fighting not just for democracy, which it admitted was full of shortcomings, but rather for democratic progress—progress in which shortcomings, notably in economic and social inequalities, will be remedied or at all events the sincerest efforts will be made to remedy them.

Great Contrasts To Go

Further evidence of how responsible quarters in Britain recognise that there will be no return to the spacious easy days of old, with their contrast of great wealth and dire poverty, is seen in the concluding sentences of the radio address to the United States by Mr. Ronald Cross, Minister of Shipping.

"We seek no conquest, we seek no gain," he said. "Our war is a war of sacrifice; we shall end it poorer in wealth, mourning our dead, looking back on misery and suffering; but these are the right sacrifices, for our goal is to establish for ourselves and others the natural human right to live as free men."

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GENERAL WAVELL'S HEADQUARTERS IN CAIRO CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN WHAT IS PERHAPS A SIGNIFICANT SILENCE REGARDING THE SITUATION IN LIBYA, WHERE THE CAPTURE OF INVESTED TOBRUK IS THE IMMEDIATE TASK.

Last night's reports from the battle front indicated that more and more British heavy guns were being brought up and joining in the bombardment of the Italian defence posts.

The communiqué issued in Cairo, however, makes no mention of developments in Libya, merely saying that there is no change in the situation.

Elsewhere, the communiqué states, active patrolling continues in the Kassala and Gallabat sectors and the British have inflicted casualties on the Italians.

The communiqué concludes: A British patrol has routed an Italian force in an area in Abyssinia east of Gallabat, according to reports from the Sudan front.

The Italians withdrew after slight resistance leaving forty dead and many wounded. British casualties were very small.

Jarabub Oasis

It is also revealed, says Reuter's Cairo correspondent, that the defeat of the Italians at Bardia jeopardised the safety of the Italian garrison at the Jarabub oasis. A few days ago, the R.A.F. bombed Italian convoys to the northwest of Jarabub, but it is not stated whether these were withdrawing from the oasis or attempting to relieve the troops there.

The strength of the Jarabub force, which is now besieged, is not known definitely, but it is indicated that its surrender is merely a matter of time.

Roar Of Gunfire

Meanwhile, the hard stony desert of Libya is resounding to the roar of gunfire as British artillery continues to pound the perimeter defences of Tobruk preparatory to the final assault on the town.

There is still no indication of the strength of the trapped garrison, but it is believed to be considerably smaller than at Bardia. Its position is also more difficult than at Bardia as the outer perimeter defences straddle a broader area.

Long Convoys Of Troops Moving Up

The concentration of our troops around Tobruk continues, and a correspondent there reports that long convoys of British and Australian troops, guns, tanks and supplies are coming up continuously.

There has been a slackening of Italian artillery fire from Tobruk, he says, and the shooting is wild—possibly because the Italians have no planes to direct their fire.

The British gunners, on the other hand, are pounding away accurately, their shells going right into the town and also landing on the wells from which the Italian garrison gets its water.

The R.A.F. confirms that Italian air bases for a distance of 70 miles beyond Tobruk have been put out of action.

It is also confirmed that one Italian Division has been cut off

PHOENIX FROM THE ASHES

The British Government is deeply concerned to ensure that the free spirit of man shall merge from the ruins of war, declared Mr. Arthur Greenwood, Minister without portfolio, broadcasting yesterday.

"We must help to create the conditions under which nations will be able to work out their own salvation as they work in neighbourly relations with others and do not flout the law of nations.

"Opportunities for aggression must be restrained by the combined will and organisation of those nations which stand for orderly progress and against the tyrannical exercise of power.

"Britain after the war will not tolerate in her midst the tragic spectacle of abject poverty nor the scourge of unemployment.

"We shall look forward to developing our educational system and social services as we are planning to get rid of ugliness in our towns and to build a fairer Britain and to replace the hovels that remain with worthy homes." —Reuter.

New Feudalism

Mr. Greenwood, dealing with Hitler's recent contemptuous reference to living conditions in Britain, said he admitted there were defects in the British social structure, as there were in Germany, but "the fundamental point of difference between us and Hitler is that we have fought our way out of feudalism, towards a new feudalism. We now have a developing democratic system guided by public conscience."

at the Jarabub oasis, 100 miles south of Bardia. It is only a question of time before this little garrison is forced to surrender. —Reuter.

ITALIAN DIVISION CUT OFF

An Italian force about a division strong is understood to be cut off and besieged in Giarabub Oasis, some 150 miles south of Tobruk, according to a report in Cairo.

The force was the one which it is believed General Graziani intended to use for an attack on Siwa Oasis on the Egyptian side of the frontier. —Reuter.

Thailand On Her Dignity

THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE FRENCH MINISTER TO THAILAND (SIAM) LAST MAY TO TAKE UP THE APPOINTMENT OF MINISTER TO VENEZUELA WAS GIVEN TO REUTER BY THE THAI CONSUL IN SINGAPORE AS THE REASON WHY THAILAND WAS NOT IN A POSITION TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE FRENCH.

The Consul said that Admiral Decoux had expressed willingness to undertake such negotiations but the Thai Government could not recognise the appointment of the Indo-China official who replaced M. Lepisserie.

Indo-China was not a sovereign power with which the Thai Government could negotiate.

A way might be opened for negotiations if M. Lepisserie resumed his duties as French Minister. —Reuter.

DEATH OF GENERAL CHU CHING-LAN

The death occurred at Sian yesterday of General Chu Ching-lan, member of the National Relief Commission, at the age of 68.

General Chu, formerly an army commander and an ardent public welfare worker, had undertaken relief work for numerous refugees in various places despite his advanced age since the outbreak of the present Sino-Japanese hostilities. He recently fell ill on account of excessive work and succumbed at the Sian Child Welfare Home. —Central News.

JAPANESE DIES OF WOUNDS

The Japanese civilian, named Nishi, who was seriously wounded on Sunday by an unidentified gunman in Nanking Road (Shanghai), has died.

He is the 13th Japanese to be shot in Shanghai since last September. Although all the other shootings took place in Japanese-controlled areas. —Reuter.

EVACUATION TEST CASE OPENS IN THE SUPREME COURT

MRS. MABEL EVELYN Blair brought action at the Supreme Court this morning against the Acting Commissioner of Police, the Hon. Mr. C. G. Perdue, and Mr. E. S. C. Luscombe, Assistant Superintendent of Police, to prevent compelling her to leave the Colony according to the recent evacuation orders.

Hon. Mr. Leo d'Almada, Jr., instructed by Mr. E. Davidson, of Messrs. Hastings and Co., was for plaintiff, while defendants were represented by Mr. H. C. Macnamara, assisted by Mr. E. W. Davies.

Mrs. Blair is asking for a declaration that Regulation No. 3 of the Defence (Entry restrictions) Regulations, so far as it applies to British subjects in the Colony, is ultra vires, void and of no effect; or alternately, for a declaration that defendants have no power under Regulation No. 6 of the said regulations to compel plaintiff to leave the Colony against her will.

She is further asking for an injunction to restrain defendants or any police officer authorised by first defendant from taking action against her under the said regulations and for such further relief as shall be just.

20 Years' Resident

In her affidavit, Mrs. Blair, of No. 12 Broadwood Road, said that she had lived in Hong Kong for the past 20 years and on July 2 left for Manila for health reasons. She would have left earlier if she could. That was before any evacuation started. In November, she decided to return and left Manila on November 19, and, as a result, knew nothing of Regulations issued at about that time. On arrival here, she was refused permission to land and was later taken to the Passport office and was told that she would be sent back to Manila on November 24.

Later she went to the Office with her husband, and was given till November 30, after her husband had entered into a bond for \$300. She declared her intention of contesting this, and did not sail, and on December 11, she received a letter from the Colonial Secretary stating that she had to leave and that further action would be taken if she did not. She then obtained an interim injunction.

The Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith, Colonial Secretary, also filed an affidavit concerning the regulations and other matters connected with the recent evacuations.

Mr. d'Almada said that plaintiff had been resident in the Colony for 20 years and was permanently domiciled here. When she left on July 2, her departure had no connection with the evacuation. Her husband had made three applications for her to be permitted to return but was not successful. She returned to Hong Kong via Amoy without her husband's knowledge. When she sailed, she knew nothing of the new regulations. The question now was whether Mrs. Blair was to be excluded from Hong Kong.

Official Affidavit

In his affidavit, Mr. N. L. Smith said that, in 1938, it was felt that in an emergency it would be necessary to evacuate women and children whose presence in the Colony would hamper its defence and in 1940 evacuation was ordered.

Mr. d'Almada said that the statement showed that only 3,440 women and children were evacuated. His argument would be that the regulations could not be said to be reasonable as able to ensure the safety of the Colony. At a rough estimate, there were 500,000 women and children in the Colony and the number evacuated was less than one per cent.

It was interesting to note that the Regulations were not made under the defence regulations and that on November 6, Govt.

Government abandoned their policy of evacuation and a large number of women who were not granted permission to stay were still in the Colony and were not asked to leave.

The policy of getting rid of British woman and children had been abandoned a fortnight before Mrs. Blair's return.

Further regulations had been made to prevent those out of the Colony from returning but in some cases people got in by going by indirect ways and as transit passengers.

His case was that the regulations did not affect Mrs. Blair and he asked for that declaration and an injunction.

He did not suggest that by appropriate regulations Government could not achieve their desire.

Liberty Of Subject

Referring to authorities, Mr. d'Almada said there was nothing in D.O.R.A. (England) of 1914 authorising the taking of the wholesale liberty of a subject as of Mrs. Blair's in Hong Kong.

In 1914, as result of some cases at home, the Courts decided that the Ordinance had limitations, and that regulations must be made honestly, must be made for the purpose of the act and, on the face of it, reasonably capable of securing public safety.

When the object was taken, it was difficult to accept that the regulations could secure the public safety as set out.

The regulations were made not under the defence regulations but the Emergency regulations.

There were women in the Colony who had expressed their intention and had in fact ignored orders, and no regulations were made expelling them. Yet if a person domiciled in Hong Kong was out of the Colony, she was not permitted to return.

In England, with the evacuation of children, it did not seem to have been necessary for Government to arm itself with act.

He submitted no-one could reasonably be entitled to deprive the freedom of any persons. There had been no attempt in England to do this. But here, any person out of the Colony was affected as to her return.

Mr. d'Almada argued that the regulations were not reasonably able to serve any of the objects as set out.

Bearing in mind that among the population of Hong Kong, there were countless alien women and children, could it be said that it was necessary or expedient to public safety for British women to be out of the Colony. The regulations were for the maintenance of order, safety and defence of the Colony. He could not find anything to suggest that there were any reasons why they should be kept out.

Executive Discretion

Mr. Macnamara said that Mr. Smith's affidavit showed the admissibility of evacuation as ordered. He agreed with Mr. d'Almada that the portion evacuated was only about one per cent, but the majority that remained were Chinese, who could be easily evacuated.

The question of what was necessary for the safety or defence of the Colony must rest with an executive or the proper authority who must use his discretion in the matter.

The case was adjourned till 2.30 p.m.

TYPHOID IN WEST GERMANY

Reports of a severe typhoid epidemic in Western Germany are confirmed by an official letter from a hospital director received by the New York relatives of a woman who died in Saxony.

The letter, states the New York "Daily Post," explained that the body had to be burned because the hospital had innumerable typhoid cases. The paper adds that the censor passed the letter presumably because it was official.

400 DIE: KRUPPS BOMBED

An R.A.F. bomb on Krupps armament factory at Essen penetrated a shelter under the works killing 400 employees and injuring 1800.

This is reported by a British United Press correspondent on the German frontier.

He also states that a recent bomb broke a watermain in Berlin and simultaneously blocked an air raid shelter.

This became flooded, drowning 700 people.

"I am assured," says the correspondent, "that these reports are authentic."

"They certainly are widely believed in Germany, where the facts regarding R.A.F. raids are spreading slowly throughout the population."

"This enlightenment is taking place despite speedy repairs which hide much of the bomb damage, and the absence of casualty lists."

Liner In Serious Position

Coastguards at West Palm Beach, Florida, tried fruitlessly for hours yesterday afternoon to refloat the liner "Manhattan."

Several tugs snapped during the attempts and the heavy ground swells carried her further ashore.

Arrangements are being made to remove the liner's 200 passengers and, in fact, some of the passengers have already been taken off by a coastguard cutter.

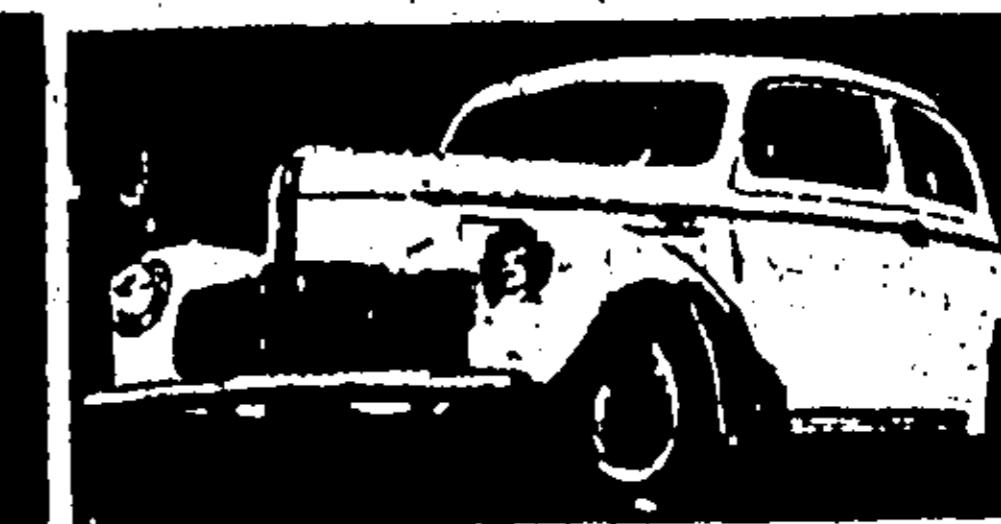
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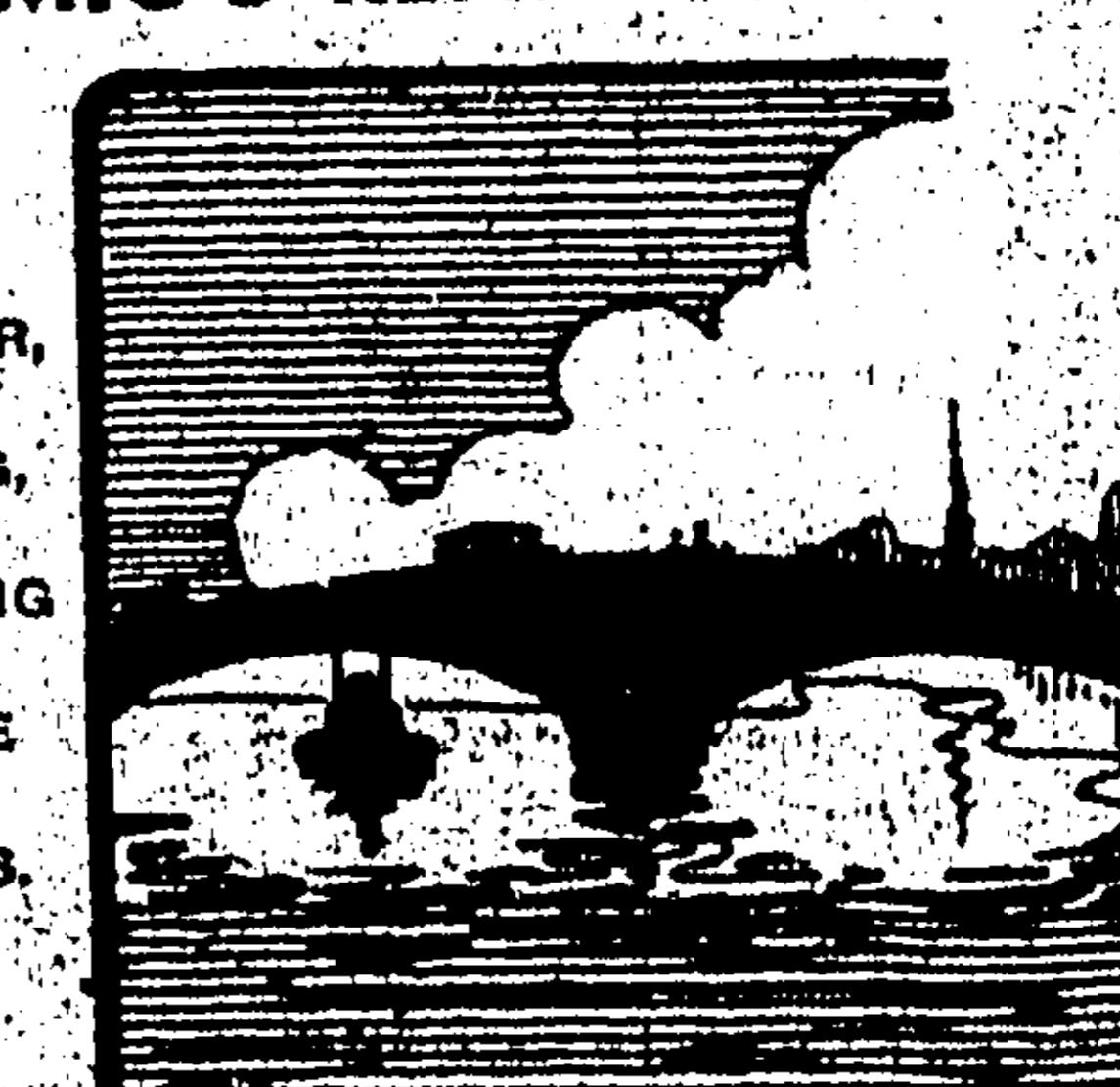
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BRIDGE NOTES

Entry Trouble
By The Four Aces

In the remarkable hand shown to-day, entry trouble caused South's defeat:

South, Dealer
Neither side vulnerable

♦ 0
♥ K 6
♦ A 6 5 2
♣ Q 10 8 7 4 3

♠ A J 7 3 N ♠ 9 8 5 2
 ♠ 5 4 2 W ♠ 9 8 3
 ♠ 10 9 8 E ♠ 4 3
 ♠ 9 6 S ♠ K 5 2

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♦	Pass	2♦	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	Pass
Pass	Pass		

West opened the ten of diamonds, South winning with the Jack. Declarer cashed the Ace of clubs and next led the Jack. When West dropped the nine, Dummy's Queen was played, and East won with the club King. East returned his diamond, and now South found unexpected trouble.

If he won this trick in his own hand and tried to establish a spade trick, West would win with the spade Ace and lead a third diamond. If South won that trick, too, he would never get to dummy to cash the good clubs; and if he won it in dummy, he would never get to his own hand to cash the established spade.

There seemed to be a better chance to make the hand if he won the second round of diamonds in the dummy, so he overtook the diamond Queen with dummy's diamond Ace and ran dummy's good clubs. When the last club was led, South had to reduce to five cards: the King and Queen of spades, the King of diamonds, and the Jack-ten of hearts. Unfortunately, however, East had saved four hearts and a spade; while West had kept two diamonds, two spades, and a heart.



Dieting Dot says if it weren't for split seams she'd cast aside all dietary rules to the wind until after the holidays.

After the last club, dummy led a spade, and West took the spade Ace and returned a heart. And that heart lead allowed East to take the rest of the tricks!

* * *

Yesterday you were Merwin Mair's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♦ J 7
♥ Q 8 5
♦ K 10 8 6
♣ K 10 8 7

The bidding:

Maier	Schenken	You	Jacoby
1♦	Pass	(?)	

ANSWER: Bid one no-trump. You have more than enough for this response, but not enough strength to bid either minor suit.

Score 100% for one no-trump, 30% for two clubs or two diamonds.

Question No. 613

To-day you hold the same hand, and the bidding continues:

Maier	Schenken	You	Jacoby
1♦	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♦	Pass	(?)	

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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GIRL SHOT BY JEALOUS SOLDIER

— Crown Charge

A soldier's jealousy was claimed by the Crown to have led to the alleged shooting by him of his sweetheart when he was charged with murder.

Driver Edward George Beesley, twenty-nine, of the R.A.S.C., whose home is a Charles Street, Oxford, was accused at Oxford Assizes of the murder of his sweetheart, Irene Sherry, a twenty-year-old domestic servant.

The girl was found shot at her lodgings in Oxford on the night of September 16. Beesley, who appeared in dock in battle dress, pleaded not guilty.

Mr. H. H. Maddocks, for the Crown, said there was no doubt that Beesley was desperately fond of Sherry. There was no doubt, either, that he shot the girl through the heart with a rifle at close range.

The motive for the crime was undoubtedly jealousy.

Mrs. Payne, the girl's landlady, described how Beesley came to her home with a rifle and, on being told that the girl was not at home, returned later and was allowed to sit in the girl's room.

Mrs. Payne said she heard Sherry go upstairs. Then came a noise like something falling out of the window. The front door was slammed, and on witness going to Sherry's room, she found her dead in a chair.

"May Best Man Win"

Police-Constable Swann said that in the girl's room was a handbag, and among the contents was a letter. In a wallet were six letters.

Mr. Maddock said the letters showed that Corporal James Fuller was in love with Miss Sherry.

An extract was read from a letter in which Corporal Fuller wrote:

"I feel sorry for the chap who's breaking his heart over you. Still, it breaks my heart when I cannot meet you at all. Let's hope the best man wins. I think you and I were made for each other."

The clerk read letters written by Beesley to the girl. One extract was: "If it is my bad fortune to have to love you, then my whole future is blank."

Driver Cripps, of the R.A.S.C., said he was at Dunkirk with Beesley. If no letters came from Miss Sherry Beesley often sobbed his heart out.

Beesley and Miss Sherry were going to be married and witness was to be best man, but the wedding did not take place as Miss Sherry refused.

OFF THE RECORD

By ED REED



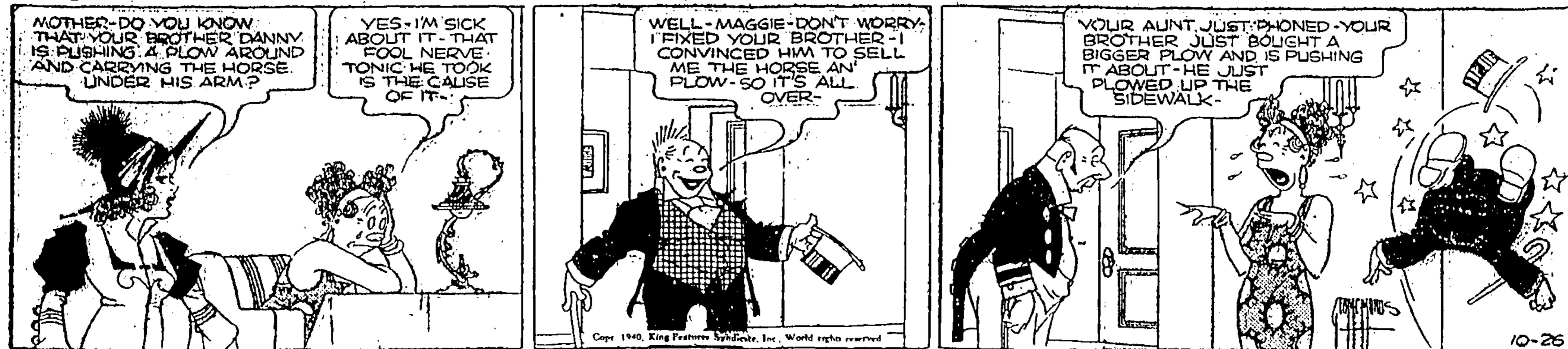
"I'm sorry, miss, and I DO MEAN SORRY — but I'm hold-ing this seat for my wife!"

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Bringing Up Father



A PAGE FOR WOMEN

There's nothing like SOUP to make you feel cozy inside

says Dorothy Greig

Of all the pleasant foods in the world, there are few that give such comforting glow as hot savory soup. It makes you feel "all cozy inside," as a friend of mine expresses it. And this is true whether you eat a thick, hearty soup or a



Chicken and Cream of Mushroom Soup wins compliments for any hostess.

thin elegant one, a fancy soup or a plain one, a soup that is almost a stew or one that is smooth as cream. Any soup makes you feel good.

There is such variety to be had in soups these days that it is fun to experiment and try different flavors. For instance, we all enjoy such well known favorites as tomato, chicken, vegetable and cream of mushroom but have you ever tried mock turtle, pepper pot or oxtail?

Then there is the new idea of combining one soup with another which opens up a whole new range of delicious flavors. For instance, here is one you will like. It is not a heavy soup, nor yet a thin soup, just a happy in-between medium that goes with any type of meal:

Chicken and Cream of Mushroom Soup

1 can condensed chicken soup
1 can condensed cream of mushroom soup
1 can water

Empty the cream of mushroom soup into a saucepan and stir it well. Then add the chicken soup,

a little at a time, stirring constantly. This keeps the soup mixture smooth. Fill an empty soup can with cold water and stir this into the soup mixture slowly. Heat to the boiling point and serve. Serves 4-6.

Sometime when you want to serve soup as the main course in a meal, for lunch maybe or for supper, try this deeply satisfying soup:

Cream of Mushroom and Pea Soup

1 can condensed cream of mushroom soup

1 can condensed pea soup

1 can milk (using soup can for measure)

1 can water

Combine the soups. Then add water and milk and heat, but do not boil. Serves 5-7.

And now here is a gay soup that combines two famous favorites:

Cream of Tomato and Chicken Soup

1 can condensed chicken soup

1/2 can condensed tomato soup

1 can milk (using soup can for measure)

Combine the soups. Add the milk and heat, but do not boil. Serves 4-6.

Surprise Meat Pie

—and watch it keep 'em passing back for more!

by Dorothy Greig

GUESTS usually look politely baffled when this pie arrives on the table as the meat course. You see, the pie is not a deep dish affair filled with chunks of meat. It is a flat two-crust pie, like an apple pie. When cut into smoking hot



and fresh from the oven, each wedge shows brown and crumbly and glistening.

The secret of its flatness is ground meat. This is cannily seasoned with onion and condensed tomato soup, and topped by a crust rich, short and flaky as you can make it.

Cauliflower, broccoli, carrots or peas are suggested as suitable vegetables to serve with it.

The pie is put together this way:

4 tablespoons minced onion
1 pound ground beef
1 can condensed tomato soup
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon pepper
1 tablespoon butter

Pie pastry for two-crust pie

Cook the onions in a little butter until soft. Add the ground beef and cook until barely brown. Blend in the soup. Sprinkle with the salt and pepper and mix. Line a nine inch pie plate with short pastry, rolled 1/8 inch thick. Moisten the edges of the crust with cold water. Fill the pie shell with the meat mixture. Cover with the top crust, prick top, brush with melted butter, and bake in a 375° oven for 1 hour, or bake in a hot oven (450°) for 15 minutes and then decrease heat to 350°, and bake 15 minutes longer.

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"Now" is the operative word of this advice because we can't afford not to be "on top" in physical condition this winter. And nothing undermines the health and looks more quickly than unhealthy teeth.

Sallowness, rheumatism, headaches, neuritis, biliousness and appendicitis are some of the disorders which have been traced to the mouth. The reason is that

to begin with, it's a good plan to check up on your brushwork.

Make sure that it really is keeping your teeth clean.

First, use a downward move-

ment from gums to chewing surface, then across teeth and gums from side to side. Also brush the

tongue. A medium stiff brush is best — and after use it should be disinfected with a solution which helps to preserve both it and the teeth.

Rinse the mouth thoroughly

with a bactericidal-destroying wash

— one which contains salts of copper

— along the lower jaw.

Chew toast, apples and celery —

all foods which exercise teeth

and gums should be added to the diet. Apples are particularly important because they neutralise mouth acids as well as giving the teeth a clean and polish.

Fruit juices — and particularly

orange — contain minerals valuable to tooth health. And whole

meal bread, lettuce, peas,

beans, eggs and milk do their bit

towards maintaining strong teeth.

—

all the time, the teeth are being

subjected to a great deal of strain

— and the strain is increased when

the teeth are not in proper order.

So, if you want to keep your teeth in apple-pie order, follow the

advice of the dentist and the

advice of the dental hygienist.

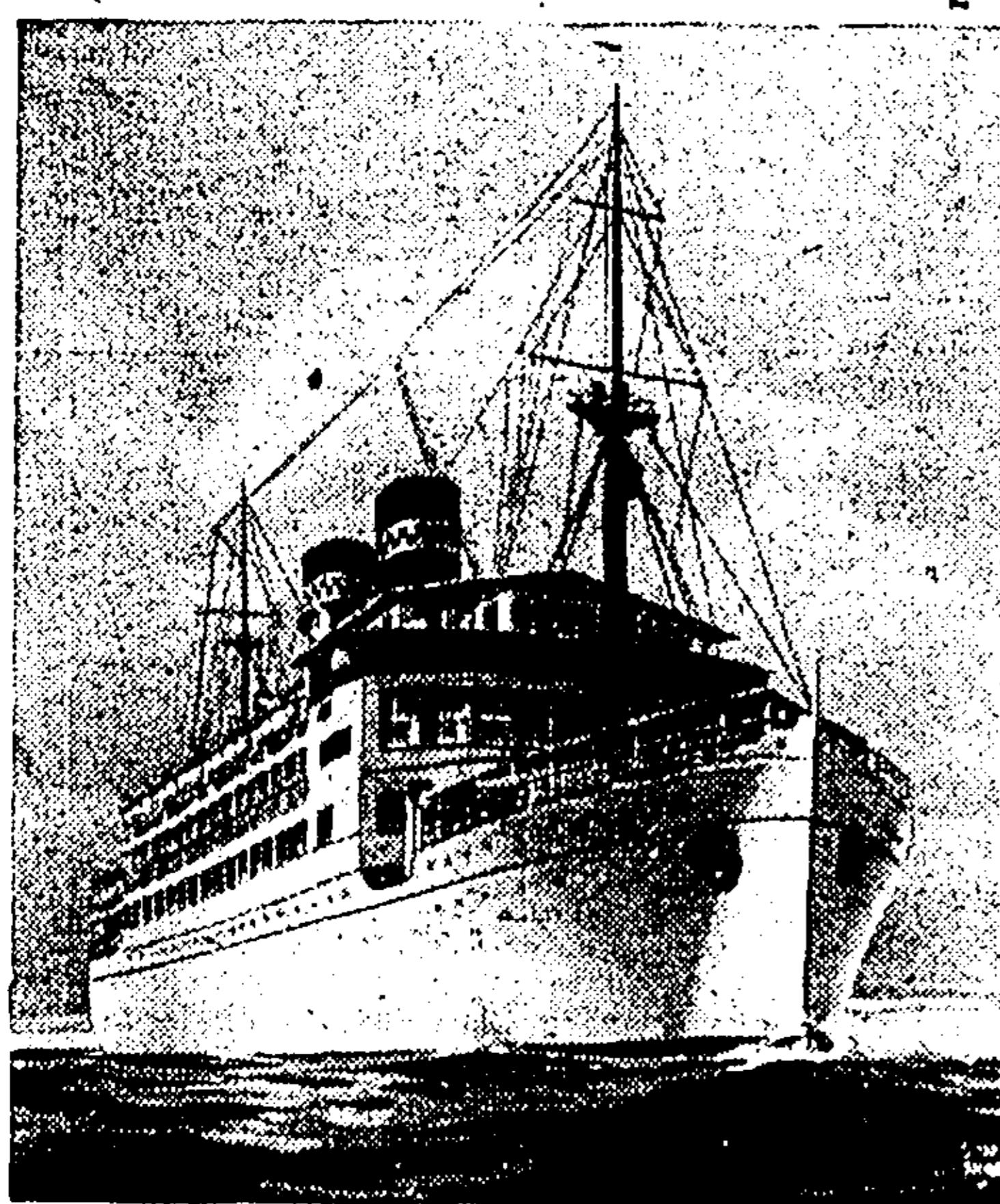
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1.30 p.m.—Reuter & Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—Dance Music by Ambrose and His Orchestra.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

5.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.

6.32 p.m.—Schubert—Symphony No. 8 in B Minor (The "Unfinished").

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6.55 p.m.—Interlude.

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7.15 p.m.—London Relay—Questions of the Hour.

7.30 p.m.—A Portuguese Programme.

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8.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News and News Commentary.

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LADIES' LEAGUE MOOTED

At Least Seven Teams In Existence

Annual Meeting To Be Held In Near Future

By "Adrem"

Ladies' hockey thus far this season has been conducted on a very casual basis. There has been a certain amount of keenness, and in some cases the standard has been quite good, but there have been too many instances of teams arriving late or depleted.

In comparison with pre-evacuation seasons, matches have been few and far between, although a certain amount of investigation has revealed that there are still a great number of players in the Colony and that no fewer than seven teams are in more or less active operation.

While there is no gainsaying the fact that friendly hockey is enjoyable and has much to commend it to the lackadaisical player, the enthusiast cannot possibly derive very much pleasure from matches which lack of hard and fast rules tend to make slapdash. Consequently any movement to revive competitive hockey among women is, in my opinion, worthy of every support.

As the Caer Clark Cup and Brawn Cup Competitions have carried on for some seasons past with undoubted success, it would appear that League hockey is generally favoured by hockey players of the fair sex and so chief problem would seem to be the practicability of running such a competition.

Situation Reviewed

Let us then review the situation. I have already mentioned that there are seven teams in existence. In some cases, of course, although the names of the clubs are still the same, the composition of the elevens would have little in common with those that did service last year. It is a fact, however, that teams which have hitherto been considered "junior"

have, as a general whole, suffered less from evacuation than the erstwhile senior teams, and this fact simplifies rather than complicates matters as it has resulted in a distribution of strength which would make a "one Division" competition not only possible but desirable.

If this then is agreed upon why not run a single competition as against the two competitions hitherto, and, if trophies are desirable, compete for the Caer Clark Cup and leave the Brawn Cup for the runners-up?

The seven teams that I know to be in existence—there may be others which have been hiding their light under a bushel as far as the Press is concerned—are: Hong Kong Ladies, St. Andrew's Ladies, Recretio, Argonauts, Diocesan Girls' School, Central British Association and Hong Kong University. Although Hong Kong have a bare minimum of players on whom they can call, they have been remarkably successful in friendly matches thus far and have not dropped a game.

Distribution Of Strength

They would probably be somewhat stronger than those teams which have been in action thus far but, with a League in the offing, it is certain that several really good players, notably members of the former champion side, "Y" Ladies, would throw in the lot with some of the clubs mentioned above and provide just that stiffening that would make all the difference.

A canvas of opinions as to the desirability of running a League indicates that the majority of clubs are in favour. It was emphasised in some cases, however, that home and away matches would be a difficult proposition owing to the lateness of the season and six matches, or only one round, would be about all that could be attempted at this late stage.

Having gone thus far, I am now able to reveal, as I should possibly have done earlier in the article, that efforts are being made to get something done. Two members of the Ladies' Hockey Association have been wrestling with accounts and files with the idea of calling the annual general meeting of the Association, which in normal circumstances would have been held either in September or October, and it is hoped that the outcome of the meeting will be the formation of a League of some sort.

If only to keep the flag flying until better times return, the clubs should rally round and give their full support.

ARMY SPORTLIGHT

By "SQUADY"

IT is interesting to note that Army Selection Committee have chosen some of their junior footballers to represent them in the forthcoming Cup matches to be played at the Chinese New Year holidays.

In the Army half-back line Cpl. Burrel of Royal Engineers is given a chance to show his worth at right half.

He has been showing good form of late in assisting his team to maintain a comfortable lead at the head of Second Division.

He has plenty of speed and weight to carry him through, and it will be recalled that he played Rugby for the Army two seasons ago when his strong kicking enabled them to win through on many occasions.

Sgt. Owens of 20th Hvy. Bty. R.A., who has recently come into the limelight on the right wing is well worth his place, and should be able to work well with Fox in the centre who knows his play, and positioning.

Fox of Royal Engineers is an old hand in the Army Team and should be able to lead his team to victory. He has plenty of dash and spirit, and with the aid of Hossack of Royal Scots at inside right should be able to get a few goals.

The left wing combination is made up of S/Sgt. Duffield of Ordnance and Cpl. Weir of Service Corps. Both these players have been playing well during the last month or so, and Duffield was one of the mainstays of the Ordnance team when they defeated the strong South Ching in the Second Division two weeks ago.

The remaining players of the team are all well-known local footballers and need no introduction. They are L/Cpl. Bankier, (Royal Scots) Sgt. Fraser, (Royal Scots) Pte. Naysmith, (Royal Scots) L/Cpl. Bright, (Middlesex) Sgt. Freshwater, (Middlesex) and Pte. Hossack (Royal Scots).

The Signals' best players are Cpl. Blount, Sgt. Allen, L/Cpl. Pitcher, and Sgt. Brackenbury.

To-morrow evening should be the climax of the week with Lieut. W. V. Dixon playing Cpl. Harvey in the Individual Snooker championship, but I think Cpl. Harvey will win.

Thursday brings us the Final of the Billiards Individual championship between Cpl. Harvey and S.Q.M.S. Wood. Both are excellent players, and it will be a difficult match to forecast.

Here is the Garrison Billiards League which R.A.M.C. have already won by beating R.A.O.C.

last Friday 7 points to nil.

R.A.M.C. ... 18 18 0 0 100

R. Scots ... 14 12 2 0 72

R.A.S.C. ... 16 12 4 0 72

C.M. Police ... 15 8 7 0 72

R.E. ... 17 5 12 0 51

R. Signals ... 14 5 9 0 42

St. A.A. Regt. ... 16 6 19 0 74

R.A.P.C. ... 15 3 12 0 33

R.A.O.C. ... 16 4 12 0 22

12th Hvy. Regt. ... 11 3 8 0 20

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I noticed an article suggesting that the following should represent the Army in the LAI WAH CUP football match against the Chinese.

Jackson, Fraser, and Sheehan;

Freshwater, Bright, and Wilkinson;

Cooper, Hossack, Fox, Saw, and Duffield. (Cap.)

Reserves—Moxham, Guy, Birrell, Owens, and Pearson.

There are five alterations from the team selected by the Army Selection Committee, Jackson, Sheehan, Wilkinson, Cooper, and Saw.

Jackson is a good goalkeeper

and is worth a trial, but recently

he has been on the injured list and

therefore could not be considered

for this position. L/Cpl. Bankier,

who has been picked for this position,

has proved his worth in the past by keeping goal well for Royal Scots.

Sheehan, who has only recently

gone back to his old position of

back in Middlesex team is not yet

up to his old standard of last year

of some sort.

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until better times return, the

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Both Royal Engineers and Ro-

yal Army Service Corps look

like beating

the goal scoring

record for

most goals

scored in one

season in league football. The

Engineers have scored 73 goals

in 15 matches, and the Service Corps

72 in the same number of matches.

Engineers also look like being

the League winners of the Second

Division, they are five points

ahead and have eleven more

games to play, their hardest

matches being against Sing Tao on

January 19, R.A.S.C. on February

15, and South China on April 5,

and one postponed match against

the Royal Scots.

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ROYAL Scots cricket eleven

added another win to their

credit on Saturday

by defeating Hong

Kong Cricket Club

by seven wickets in a friendly.

This win was mainly due to the

fine innings by Lieut. Coombes

who made 109 not out, hitting 19

boundaries, and Capt. Douglas

made 45 including eight fours.

Bennett also did well with his

batting.

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A meeting of the Combined

Small Units representatives

will be held next

Monday, January

20th in Scandal

Point Hall to discuss the team for

the Small Units to compete in the

Annual Cross Country run, and

athletics.

WEEK-END SOCCER PROGRAMME

Following is the soccer programme for the week-end:

Sunday

First Division

Middlesex v Kowloon

(Sookunpoo, 4.00 p.m.)

Police v Club

(Boundary Street, 4.00 p.m.)

Eastern v South China

(Caroline Hill, 4.00 p.m.)

Second Division

Middlesex v Service Corps

(Sookunpoo, 2.30 p.m.)

Kwong Wah v Kowloon

(Boundary Street, 2.30 p.m.)

Navy v Club

(Caroline Hill, 2.30 p.m.)

Ordnance v 30th R.A.

(Military, 2.30 p.m.)

Kit Chee v R. Scots

(St. Joseph's, 2.30 p.m.)

Third Division

Service Corps v 36th R.A.

(St. Joseph's, 4.00 p.m.)

35th R.A. v Shell

(Military, 4.00 p.m.)

Engineers v Air Force

(Chatham Road, 2.30 p.m.)

Signals v 12th R.A.

(Chatham Road, 4.00 p.m.)

JUNIOR SHIELD

(Preliminary Round)

Service Corps v Middlesex

(Boundary Street, 2.30 p.m.)

Engineers v Kowloon

(Boundary Street, 2.30 p.m.)

Saturday

First Division

Kwong Wah v Navy

(Boundary Street, 4.00 p.m.)

R. Scots v Sing Tao

(Sookunpoo, 4.00 p.m.)

Second Division

FAMOUS FOOTBALLER'S HUMAN LETTER

In the days when the Arsenal looked upon Aston Villa as their greatest rivals, Herbert Chapman used to open his tactical eve-of-the-match talks this way: "Boys, you are playing Billy Walker tomorrow."

That was how William Walker, one of the greatest strategists ever honoured with an England cap, stood in football, writes L. V. Manning.

His splendid career as player over, he became a manager, and his first year at the helm steered Sheffield Wednesday to their Cup triumph of 1935.

And the player Chapman most feared that season put out of the Cup one of the most dazzling starlit teams Chapman ever assembled, not on the field of play but in the dressing-room.

Billy Walker, after surviving the vicissitudes inseparable from the lot of club manager, is now with Nottingham Forest. He has written me a letter.

It is the most human I have ever received, and the strangest, because it asks me to help Mr. Walker to find for him for adoption a baby boy left parentless and homeless by the Frankenstein of Berchtesgaden in his campaign of murder over London.

Letter From A Man

Some letters need pruning. I print this one exactly as written, because no words of mine could add to its human appeal or show more surely the kind of home some bereaved orphan of the bombs is going to have.

Dear L. V.—

You will be surprised to hear from me, no doubt, but I want you to help me with regard to giving some poor little chap a lift in life.

My wife and daughter along with myself have been talking of how we could help some of the wonderful people in our greatest city, and we have come to this decision.

What we would like is your help to give a home and chance in life to some little boy about three years of age, one who has had the greatest misfortune to lose his parents in the bombing of our city.

He will be sure of a good home, and will be given the opportunity of a good education so that in the future he will be an asset to his country.

We are very fond of children, and between you and I, I have always longed for a son, but I have not had that great luck.

I have only one daughter and she is 19 years of age. She is thrilled by the thought that she will have the chance she has always wanted of having a brother.

Can you help us? Please do your best.

I would, as one who has always loved the London public, like to say how proud I am of them all. God bless and keep them, and long live the greatest country in the world.

Yours, very sincerely,
BILLY WALKER.

The only postscript from me such an appeal needs is this: William Walker's address is 38, Repton Road, West Bridgford, Nottingham.

Followers of ladies' hockey will be interested to learn that Miss Stella Roberts, former St. Andrew's player, represented Great Britain against Portugal in a match in Shanghai on Christmas Day. She played on the left wing.

SOCER INTERNATIONALS AT END OF SEASON

No attempt is to be made to stage international soccer matches until the last quarter of the season, writes a correspondent from London.

Scotland has welcomed the F.A.'s suggestion for home-and-away fixtures. Wales had already agreed to two England games, but for obvious reasons no one has got down to specific dates. To respect the League will be asked to leave one Saturday in February, March, April, and May, to be possible from Cup-tie

FATHER OF FIVE JOCKEYS KILLED

George Thomas Smyth, recently the victim of a fatal road accident, was a steeplejack and had hoped that his five sons would follow the same calling, writes L. V. Manning.

Instead, they all became jockeys, and there is no better known racing brotherhood than Herbert, Victor, William, Monty, and George Smyth. The first four are now trainers, of course.

The late John Nightingall, head of another famous Epsom family, had four sons who became riders and trainers (William, Bob, Arthur, and John), but five must be a Turf record.

Herbert Smyth, the eldest son, was the first to show his preference for horses to chimneys, and he certainly climbed higher in the profession of his adoption than he could have done as a steeplejack he was meant to be, though it was brother Victor who soared highest.

Herbert actually ran away to become a stable hand. He became apprenticed to Tom Cannon, and one of his first jobs was to "do" St. Amant, who won the Derby in the de Roischid colours as far back as 1904.

With Herbert an established jockey on the flat and over the stumps, the other brothers duly followed suit.

Vic made the greatest name of them all as a rider of big winners for Manton and other famous stables. Like Tommy Weston, he was always losing his cap during the hectic moments of a race, but never his head.

Monty, of course, has been champion trainer under Pony Turf Club rules, and William trains in Linklater probably the best sprinter in the country.

R.A.M.C. AGAIN

For the third year in succession Royal Army Medical Corps have won the Garrison Challenge Cup for billiards, beating Corps of Military Police in the final last night by 785-643.

Following were the scores:

R.A.M.C.	C. of M.P.
Sgt. Wyre	65 L/Cpl. Willis
	150 (25 and 23)
Lt. Dixon	130 Sgt. Whitton
Sgt. Terran	150 L/Cpl. Cliff
	72 (30, 20, 28)
Pte. Howe	150 Capt. Hyde
Pte. Whybro	150 L/Cpl. Teggarty
Cpl. Harvey	93 L/Cpl. Thomson
	118 (24, 22)
Totals	643 (22)

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HITLER NOW TOO LATE

Air Force Cannot Swing Libyan Situation

Stockholm Assessment

THE GERMAN AIR FORCE is hardly capable of changing the situation in Albania and Libya, says the Military Correspondent of the newspaper "Dagbladet" in Stockholm, assessing the Italian reverses.

The correspondent regards German troop transport across Italy as unlikely both on mechanical grounds and through consideration of Italian prestige.

Turkish Flood Disaster

Many lives have been lost and much damage caused by disastrous floods in the Antioch region of Turkey, states Reuter's Ankara correspondent.

The River Asi has overflowed following torrential rains, causing widespread destruction.

The floods swept away bridges, wrecked mills, destroyed roads, uprooted trees and inundated farm lands over a wide area.

Losses of livestock have been heavy and communications are

An attempt to transport troops across Yugoslavia and Bulgaria would be extremely hazardous, he correspondent believes, specially if Turkey supported any resistance which might be offered.

The Italian reverses, he declares, will be due partly to bad luck, including premature action in Greece, the element of surprise in Egypt and bad weather but, he continues, "It would seem that the Italian troops do not reach the quality of their adversaries."—Reuter.

NO DAYLIGHT RAID YESTERDAY

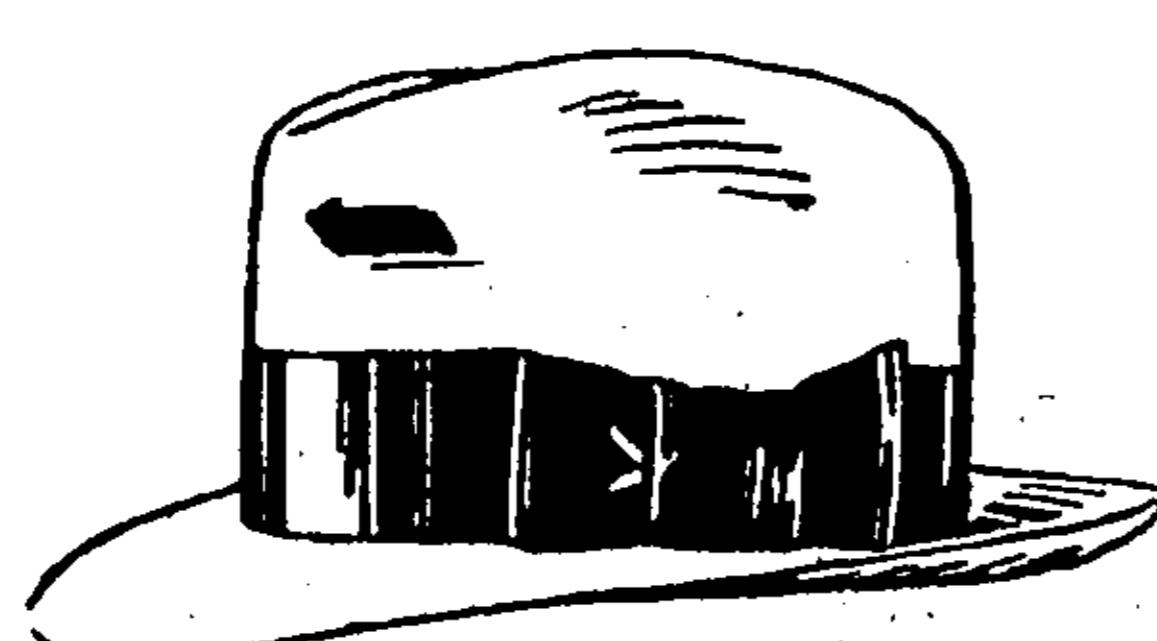
Regarding the air situation over Britain yesterday, the Air Ministry and Ministry of Home Security communiqué states: "There was nothing to report during daylight."—British Wireless.

completely disrupted. The inhabitants are being evacuated from a large zone. The rains, meantime, are continuing.—Reuter.

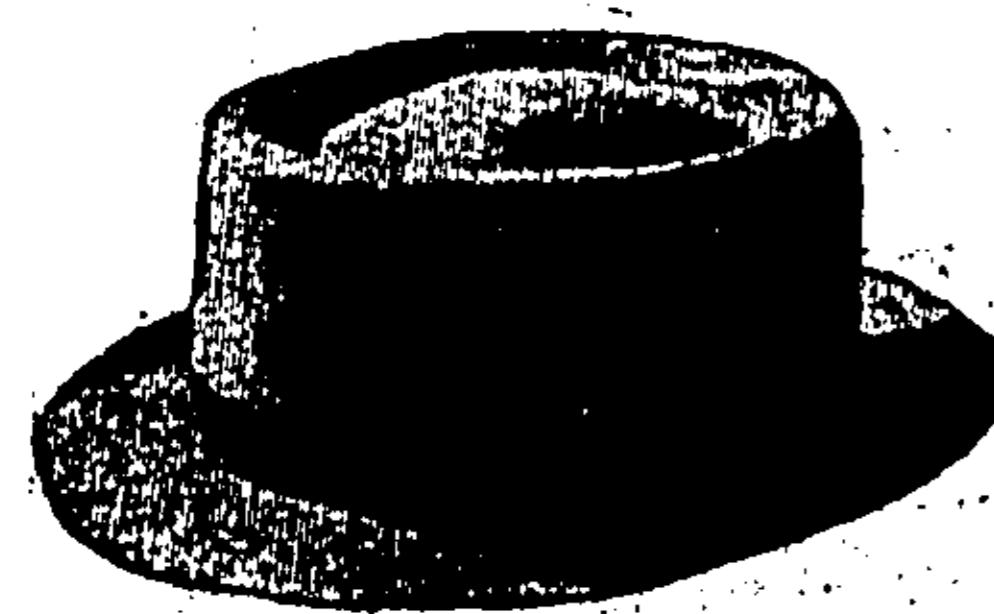


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NAZI AIR BLITZ PROPAGANDA

Rumours of a coming Nazi air blitzkrieg in the Mediterranean are being spread from Berlin.

The Berlin correspondent of the Stockholm paper, "Dagens Nyheter" reported yesterday that the German military command is obviously alive to the ever-increasing importance of the operations in the Mediterranean and lively activity by the German Air Force may be expected in that area in the next few weeks.—Reuter.

U.S. "EXPOSE" SEQUEL

Verne Marshall, the Chairman of the "No Foreign War Committee," has announced that he has been served with a subpoena to appear before the Grand Jury of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia.

He added that he did not know the reason for the order.

Verne Marshall, who is a newspaper editor of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, in a statement he made a fortnight ago, alleged that President Roosevelt had a chance a year ago to halt the European War and still had a chance to serve as peace-maker if he grasped it.

He told a sensational story of official German peace terms being flown to the United States in September, 1939, by William Rhodes Davis, a New York oil operator.

He further alleged that these terms were suppressed by the State Department although they involved "just and honourable" terms for a peace conference to be held at the White House with President Roosevelt as mediator.—Reuter.

STAFF TALKS AT ANKARA

L-General Marshall-Cornwall and Air Chief Marshal Elmhurst, of the Middle East Command, have arrived in Ankara for conversations with the Turkish General Staff.—Reuter.

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STOP PRESS

In an attempt to avoid hitting a sampan, two of the Yaumati ferries collided in the harbour shortly after noon to-day, fortunately without loss of life.

The two ferries were the Man Sang, bound from Hong Kong to Hunghom, and the Man Ping, bound for the Island. The accident occurred at 12.25 p.m. when the two ferries tried to clear a sampan and collided off Holt's Wharf, the bow of the Man Sang crashing into the starboard side of the Man Ping.

The Man Ping took in a considerable amount of water and was water-logged, but was towed safely to the railway pier. The Man Sang, with some assistance from other launches, made her way safely to Hong Kong, where her passengers disembarked.

The sampan was capsized and her crew of five had to be taken to hospital, suffering from the effects of their involuntary bath in the harbour.

Sergeant Medley, of No. 7 police launch, noting that the Man Sang was sinking by the bow, rushed alongside and 70 passengers were taken off. He then summoned other launches to the scene to take the remaining 30 off.

Some difficulty was experienced handling the crowd, as the passengers were thrown into a panic when they realised the ferry was sinking.

The Man Sang was then towed to the vehicular ferry wharf, where she sank at about 12.40 p.m.

The Man Ping is lying off the Kowloon foreshore, submerged by the stern. Her 42 passengers got off safely.